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Introduction

Welcome to our prospectus for buyers of legal services under the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) RM3788 Framework - Lot 2a.

The summary information contained in this prospectus will give you an overview of our most relevant experience and individual points of contact for all of the various mandatory and optional specialisms (with the exception of child law and licensing law) — we hope you find it a useful introduction to our firm and how we can help your organisation.

Being appointed as a supplier to Lot 2a under this CCS Framework is central to Womble Bond Dickinson’s strategy and profile within the public arena.

We have many years’ experience advising local government and other public sector organisations, NHS Trusts, education establishments and Central Government bodies, and have a deep understanding of the governance and scrutiny requirements that such bodies must comply with and the challenges they face against ever increasing constraints on budget and resource.

We have large teams advising clients across the sector and understand how the public sector works.

We look forward to assisting your organisation to deliver its strategic objectives — please contact any member of our dedicated Crown Commercial Service team on 0345 415 5275 or ccsteam@wbd-uk.com for an initial conversation.

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Aberdeen  London
Bristol    Newcastle
Edinburgh  Plymouth
Leeds      Southampton

Details of all our office locations can be found at: womblebonddickinson.com/locations
At a glance

**Multijurisdictional offer**
Services across all of our **UK offices** and access to the **US** and **Europe**

**WBD Advance**
Flexible solutions bringing together innovative technology and service delivery that complement our existing legal advice

**WBD Accelerate**
Supporting growth in the business community in partnership with Yena

Representing more than 100 public sector bodies and in addition more than 85 publicly traded companies in the UK

More than 120 partners and 540 lawyers in the UK

**A responsible business**
Investors in People Silver Standard
Award winning Apprenticeship Scheme
Gold Status in the Law Society Diversity and Inclusion Charter
Awarded the Planet Mark certification for our commitment to continuous improvement in sustainability

Raised over £675,000 for good causes since May 2013
Administrative and Public Law

Why us?
Our expertise is focused mainly within our Projects & Procurement team, our Regulatory Team, and our Commercial Litigation Team. We have particular experience in Local Government matters, data protection, environmental information regulations and freedom of information matters, dispute resolution and litigation, governance, judicial review powers and functions of Government departments public inquiries, state aid, statutory appeals and vires issues.

Evidence of experience
- An NHS Body on public law issues including its statutory functions, its legal powers to collect and share data and on directions from the Secretary of State and NHS England. Legislation advised on includes analysis of the powers and duties of other public bodies, the law of confidence, on Data Protection Act 1998 and the Human Rights Act 1998.
- Foundation Trusts on their ability to act as a joint venture in the context of an outsourcing of facilities management services to an operating company wholly owned by the Trusts.
- A local authority in relation to a district heating scheme and the provision of grant funding to that scheme from two sources – Local Growth Fund and HNIP – consideration of the application of State Aid, the ability to rely on specific exemptions pertaining to district heating scheme development, and the application of such exemptions.

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Banking and Finance Law

Why us?
We advise the public, education and energy sector on: facility documentation for committed term and revolving credit facilities, working capital facilities, asset finance funding, corporate and personal guarantees, security priority, enforcement, intercreditor documentation, treasury products and regulation, consumer finance regulation and payment services regulations.

Evidence of experience
- An executive non-departmental public body on £75m public sector funding for affordable housing including £32m funding Local Infrastructure Fund, with a building consortium
- A university on finance and security documentation on an insurance company’s funding for student accommodation.
- A local authority on a loan to an NHS Trust to allow the Trust to terminate a PFI contract.
- A university on finance and security documentation on an insurance company’s funding for student accommodation.
- A local authority on a loan to an NHS Trust to allow the Trust to terminate a PFI contract.

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**Why us?**

We cover all aspects of Competition Law with particular expertise in EU law, anti-competitive agreements, state aid, public procurement, behavioural issues and abuse of dominance and mergers. This includes merger notifications in UK and EU.

**Evidence of experience**

- An executive non-departmental public body on the public procurement and State Aid aspects of a number of site disposals for housing in England.
- Public sector organisations on public procurement and State Aid matters.

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**Contracts Law**

**Why us?**

We have expertise acting for public sector organisations on commercial transactions and projects. We cover all aspects of contract law, including: alliance and collaboration agreements, strategic supply chain management, supply agreements, outsourcing, e-commerce, concession / warehousing / distribution agreements, procurement of goods and services, sponsorship transactions, leasing and hire arrangements and procurement issues.

**Evidence of experience**

- A central government department on the procurement of Transcription and Court Reporting Services with multiple suppliers.
- A public sector company in relation to its Call-Off Contract with a government department and the subsequent procurement of a sub-contractor to provide system integration and banking services.
- A public sector company in respect of the redevelopment of Gatwick Airport Station where we are advising on the negotiation of the tri-partite funding and implementation arrangements with Gatwick Airport and DfT.
- A government agency on strategic arrangements relating to its schools programmes.

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Corporate and M&A Law

Why us?
We have the capability, experience and expertise to service a full range of corporate law requirements. Our work includes mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and collaborations, corporate governance, equity capital markets, investment funds, reorganisations, private equity, company secretarial, partnerships and LLPs and corporate tax.

Evidence of experience
• A local council on the restructuring of their ownership (through a corporate vehicle) of a Film Studios. Advising on corporate governance issues, and the requirements for compliance with the law concerning local authority owned companies.
• A local council on setting up a joint venture company responsible for the provision of leisure services.

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Data Protection & Information Law

Why us?
We cover all GDPR/Data Protection Law including compliance projects and audits; drafting policies and guidance and implementing GDPR contract remediation solutions. We advise on FOIA/EIR compliance and public sector transparency requirements, including on complex information and re-use requests, drafting policies, procedures and guidance, delivering training and advising on complaints and appeals to the ICO and First-Tier Tribunal.

Evidence of experience
• A local authority in a high profile Tribunal appeal concerning an EIR request relating to a regeneration project and the proposed CPO of land.
• A quasi-public body on complex FOIA requests, internal reviews and complaints to the ICO. We have also advised on data sharing arrangements and subject access requests.

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Evidence of experience
• A local council on investments made alongside academic institutions including an investment with a university on the development of a new education centre.
• A local council on investing (both equity and debt) in a property joint venture company promoting a development site. Advice included procurement, vires and State Aid issue, development corporate documents, funding agreements, land transfer and a services agreement between the Council and the company.

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• A UK research council on investments made alongside academic institutions including an investment with a university on the development of a new education centre.

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Employment Law

Why us?

We advise on a range of public sector projects, including working on PFI/PPP projects. We have experience of unionised workforce issues, including changing T&Cs across large workforces and collective bargaining and industrial disputes. We also advise on complex TUPE transfers, including on procurement projects.

Evidence of experience

• A multinational corporation with their bid to a central government department a large-scale, complex project involving providing advice on employment/TUPE and pensions.
• An executive non-departmental public body on a wide range of employment issues, including restructuring, complex TUPE issues and strategic advice.
• A Local Authority in its defence of a high profile dismissal, discrimination and whistleblowing claim.

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Information Technology Law

Why us?

We are instructed by nationally known clients on high profile, business critical transactions and the team has a number of nationally recognised practitioners who have a high profile in the technological sector. We cover all aspects of IT law, including: IT outsourcing projects, software licensing (and associated audits), e-business, online services and associated regulation, IT enterprise systems and services and agile developments.

Evidence of experience

• A public sector company on a business critical procurement under the competitive dialogue procedure to appoint a Systems Integrator prime contractor with a banking sub-contractor for multiple services.
• A public sector company on a multi-million pound project associated with asset protection.
• A central government department on a collaborative initiative to establish a platform and database for the administration of the criminal justice system. The programme is using agile development methodologies under the auspices of standard form agreements under the Government Digital Services initiative.

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Infrastructure Law

Why us?

We advise local authorities, NHS trusts, fire authorities, local education partnerships, academy sponsors, private sector companies and funders. We also work in the secondary market, acting for buyers and sellers of infrastructure assets and on transactions to restructure and/or refinance projects. We have experience in PFI/PF2 projects, public/private outsourcing arrangements, large scale, long term, public sector capital investment programmes and low carbon energy projects, including district energy (heat, cooling and power).

Evidence of experience

• A local council on all aspects of its competitive dialogue procurement of a long-term private sector partner to develop district heating projects across the City of Newcastle.
• A local council on its Priority Schools PF2 Project. We advised on the acquisition of the site and how it could be aligned to the Landowner Agreement, and the relevant provisions in the PF2 Project Agreement itself.

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Intellectual Property Law

Why us?

Our team includes chartered trade mark attorneys. We supply registration, exploitation, protection and infringement advice across the entire spectrum of IP rights and on the protection and exploitation of the client’s IP asset portfolio. Our work includes: asset management, design and trade mark issues, prosecution and registration, collaboration, research and development agreements, assignments and other technology transfer and exploitation arrangements, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements, patent, invalidity and entitlement disputes managed and/or conducted both in the UK and overseas, domain name disputes, Companies Names Tribunal complaints and IP training and policies.

Evidence of experience

• A public sector company in relation to trade mark infringement and passing off actions against third parties, working on brand reputation and franchisee relationships.
• A national healthcare organisation advising and assisting on how to identify, acquire, and license database rights.

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Outsourcing / Insourcing Law

Why us?
Our team can advise on large-scale outsourcings, nationally and internationally, for all parties involved either on discrete elements or the whole project including on: pensions, employment, property, procurement, state aid, planning, corporate law and construction. We have particular experience advising on the outsourcing of leisure, waste, FM, adult social care and parks services and on information technology systems.

Evidence of experience
• A local council on its pathfinder scheme to transfer the management of its parks to a charitable trust.
• NHS Foundation Trusts establishing wholly owned subsidiary companies to provide them with estates management and non-clinical services.
• Four local Councils on the outsourcing of their leisure services using different structures and on the procurement of a community stadium.
• An NHS Foundation Trust on the procurement and implementation of an electronic patient administration system, including on all associated regulatory issues.
• Two local councils on their waste disposal PFI/PPP schemes and Durham County Council on its contracts for residual waste, HWRCs, recycling and haulage.

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Litigation & Dispute Resolution Law

Why us?
We cover all aspects of Litigation and have particular experience in: ADR and mediation, pre-action advice on strategy, on contractual / procurement / insurance / probate and trust / corporate and shareholder disputes, cyber risks, class actions, public law responsibilities, exiting unprofitable or unsuitable contracts, international arbitration, debt and asset recovery, fraud and injunctive relief.

Evidence of experience
• A local authority appealing a decision of the Information Commissioner relating to a freedom of information request pertaining to the consideration obtained for the disposal of its land (and defending the other side’s appeal of different elements of the same decision).
• A transport company in its successful challenge to the award of an exclusive coach concession.
• A state owned company on a £1m claim regarding access fees to a fibre optic network.
• A local council in relation to their industrial estate redevelopment scheme on a challenge from one of the unsuccessful bidders. A development company issued claims for Judicial Review of the Council’s decision to enter into a development agreement and a statutory challenge under the public procurement regime.

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**Partnership Law**

**Why us?**
Our experience includes advising on Partnerships (including Limited and LLPs), limited partnership investment entities, establishing partnership entities for property development and joint ventures, setting up limited partnerships for Government backed SMEs, debt and other investment schemes, incentive arrangements, exit arrangements, rights and duties of partners and members and on tax matters.

**Evidence of experience**
- An investment company with regard to the establishment of four different limited partnership funds to invest in UK SMEs.
- On the establishment of a Sustainable Technology limited partnership fund, backed by the UK Government.
- The transfer of a government agency to a newly created government owned company.
- On the restructuring of a not-for-profit Government back entity in a “for profit entity” with full employee engagement via ownership.
- A property fund management house on the launch of nine real estate funds and a number of joint venture projects.

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**Why us?**
Specialisms for the team include the Civil Service Pension Scheme, NHS Pensions Schemes, Local Government Pension Schemes, Judicial Pension Schemes and early retirement rights. We also have a strong reputation as experts in relation to Old and New Fair Deal, and the new “admission” regime and how this interacts with the old broadly comparable regime.

**Evidence of experience**
- A multinational corporation on its bid for a contract with a central government department, and how it would need to comply with New Fair Deal by becoming an admission body in the Civil Service Pension Scheme.
- A local authority on the insourcing of Children’s Services from an NHS Trust, and how the Council could comply with New Fair Deal, including the process for the Council to become a direction body under the NHS Pension Scheme.
- Local authority shareholders in Durham Tees Valley Airport Limited in relation to DTVA’s proposal to withdraw from the Local Government Pension Scheme and transfer.
- A transport executive on the termination of its concession, and agreement with the operators of a transport system and implications for the risk-sharing of termination costs in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

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Why us?

We advise on the full range of procurement issues and substantial expertise in the creation and administration of frameworks, as well as in defending and bringing procurement challenges on behalf of both contracting authorities and bidder clients. We offer end-to-end support on tender processes, advice on procurement risk management strategies, on the application of public procurement law to public projects, on devising structures/agreements and on ‘building in’ flexibility to tender processes and contracts, and on contract changes.

Evidence of experience

- A public sector company on a business critical procurement under the competitive dialogue procedure to appoint a Systems Integrator prime contractor and a banking sub-contractor.
- A local council in respect of a district heating scheme and the establishment of a wholly owned Energy Services Company (ESCO).
- A local council on the tender process for the construction of a new city centre HQ.
- A research institute appointed as one of only two legal services providers on TSC’s first legal panel, advising on public procurement issues for this technology and innovation centre.

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Why us?

We advise on acquisitions & disposals, portfolio management, housing, regeneration, secured lending and finance, CPOs, mediation / arbitration / proceedings, tenancy disputes and notices and title issues. Our Construction team advise on national frameworks, regeneration and estate master planning, on residential, retail and mixed use initiatives, dispute resolution and on planned and reactive maintenance. We also advise on public and private sector projects including long term capital, regional PFI/PPP and district heating.

Evidence of experience

- An executive non-departmental public body on a multi-million pound regeneration project including EU procurement, development agreement, title investigation and planning, open space and infrastructure agreements. Plus disposal of residential and commercial units, town and village greens including a public inquiry.
- NHS Trusts in the extension and remodelling of existing facilities procured under PFI arrangements
- A property company on large scale securitisation exercises on both social and market rent properties
- On EPC Contracts and associated documents, from waste and biomass projects including several anaerobic digestion facilities such as a waste project
- A local council on its £500m redevelopment of a shopping centre.
- A Development Company on residential-led mixed use schemes, student accommodation development and a PRS scheme.

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Tax Law

Why us?

Having tax specialists who are lawyers helps ensure that transactions are structured and documents drafted with sensitivity to the tax concerns. Our team has wide business tax experience, including in more specialist areas such as share and other executive incentive arrangement, corporate and group reorganisations (including demergers), corporate and property acquisitions and disposal, property developments and asset finance.

Evidence of experience

- **A government agency** on SDLT and VAT implications on the funding of the construction of academies, and, in particular, the extent to which liability to SDLT might be minimised and liability to VAT incurred on the acquisition of land on which the academies would be constructed, and the construction costs, can be recovered.
- **A local council** on tax issues arising in relation to the major development and extension of the Westgate shopping centre.
- **An education charity** on tax issues surrounding its joint venture to create an education hub (including the construction of a new academy, youth centre, office space and residential accommodation).
- **2 local council's** on tax issues relating to the redevelopment of its leisure facilities including construction of a new aquadrome.
- **A leading UK independent strategic land promoter and planning promoter** on the structuring of its promotion arrangements.

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Why us?

We advise charities, local authorities, education providers, health bodies, regulatory authorities, charities and not for profits and housing associations. Our advice includes constitutional issues, trustees duties, trading issues, complex charitable trust law issues, fundraising regulation, mergers, collaborative practices, contracting with third sector bodies, gift aid and how charity law impacts on other niche areas including safeguarding, procurement, state aid and pensions law.

Evidence of experience

• A local authority on the establishment of a charity to take over its parklands.
• A local authority on how to address historic issues relating to a charitable trust of which it is the corporate trustee.
• A local authority on the charity law implications of its approach to social housing in the context of new regulations.
• An addiction charity in putting in place a social impact bond relating to arrangements to deliver a public service contract.
• A mental health charity in relation to subcontracting arrangements to deliver a public service contract.
• Acting as Interim Manager appointed by the Charity Commission to oversee a charity in relation to safeguarding matters.

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Education Law

Why us?
Our advice includes on academy conversions, governance and funding, FE sector restructuring, HE sector JVs, Data Protection/FoI, dispute resolution, compliance, establishing trading companies, student contracts, admissions, exclusions, SEN issues including SENDIST, shared occupancy schemes, pension issues including LGPS and TPS, procurement matters, planning issues, estate and student accommodation projects and IPR.

Evidence of experience
- 3 local councils on their portfolios of academy conversions.
- 3 local councils on the academy conversion of schools built under PFI/BSF Projects.
- A government department on complex rebrokerages and transfers as well as litigation, PFI, finance and funding issues.
- A university on all legal aspects of the delivery of two new colleges via a long-term public private partnership.
- On liaison with government department regarding FE colleges’ charitable foundation.
- Over 450 academy conversions, as well as providing ongoing legal support to academy trusts on commercial contracts, employment, SEN issues, admissions, exclusions and GDPR.

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EU Law

Why us?
We advise on EU law, anti-competitive agreements, behavioural issues and abuse of dominance and mergers, including merger notifications both in the UK and EU. Our experience includes anti-competitive agreements (Art. 101 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU), abuse of dominance (Art. 102 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU), merger advice and notifications (EU Merger Regulation No. 139/2004), State Aid and public procurement.

Evidence of experience
- Local government and public sector organisations on public procurement queries.
- Merger control and competition issues involving train operating companies in their bids for rail franchise awards.
- A city council on the public procurement and State Aid aspects of the proposed investment by a private investor in a property development joint venture vehicle.
- A university on a State Aid and procurement law compliant solution for an application for European Regional Development Funding for a consultancy service for SMEs.

Evidence of experience
- A university on all legal aspects of the delivery of two new colleges via a long-term public private partnership.
- On liaison with government department regarding FE colleges’ charitable foundation.
- Over 450 academy conversions, as well as providing ongoing legal support to academy trusts on commercial contracts, employment, SEN issues, admissions, exclusions and GDPR.

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Energy & Natural Resources Law

Why us?

We advise on all aspects of electricity generation projects, energy disputes, energy trading, carbon trading, energy efficiency, support mechanisms inc Contracts for Difference, Renewables Obligation Certificates, RHI and Feed-in Tariffs, transmission and grid connections, LNG/FLNG projects and on a range of energy related agreements, pipeline schemes and corporate finance.

Evidence of experience

- A government department on matters arising from the administration by the Department of the temporary management scheme under which the UK government operated the Iranian Oil Company’s UK North Sea oil & gas interests during a period of international sanctions.
- A government office on the late Offshore Transmission Owner build model including on construction risks and the regime as a whole and separately on the development of the new regulatory regime.
- A number of local authorities (in partnership with both local government bodies and private sector partners) providing a range of advice in relation to district heating schemes across the UK.
- Local authorities on electricity and gas purchasing under their PFI arrangements.
- Offshore wind farms being developed within the North Sea zone to which Crown Estate granted exclusive development rights.

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Food, Rural & Environmental Affairs Law

Why us?

We advise on wildlife welfare and marine protection and enforcement, environmental compliance advice, environmental impact and habitats regulations assessment, sustainability strategies and the circular economy, rural estate and food compliance matters including hygiene and safety issues and act for landowners regarding surface and mineral interests.

Evidence of experience

- An NHS Trust on a dispute with its contractors over water quality issues.
- A local authority on the exclusion of waste collection services from VAT.
- On environmental issues relating to the consenting of numerous onshore and offshore wind schemes, including in respect of potential pollution incidents, marine mammals (particularly pursuant to the Marine Mammal Mitigation Programme), the Environmental Damage Regulations and the Offshore Safety Directive.
- A mining company in relation to a police investigation into alleged bad habitat disturbance.
- A pharmaceutical manufacturer covering animal testing compliance at their research facility.
- A hospitality association on the implications of the Food Information to Consumers Regulation, with particular focus on its impact on the labelling of food allergens.
- A range of clients, including prominent landed estates, public authorities, large landowning charities and other governmental organisations.

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Evidence of experience

• A public sector company (the Company) in relation to two long-term concession agreements for the management and operation of 3 stations by the Company on behalf of another company and also in relation to a long-term advertising concession contract.
• A company on its direct award franchise agreement which involved some of the issues arising from early enabling works.
• A transport company on its successful bid for 3 rail franchises and separately on its current bid for another rail franchise.
• A retail chain company in relation to some of its international franchises and distribution agreements.
• A train operating company on its direct award franchise agreement which involved considering the impact of major infrastructure works.

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Why us?

We have advised on a wide variety of franchising and concession agreements for many years. From the development and roll out of franchise models, through to other core issues such as IP licensing, supply chain and logistics fulfilment and real estate related issues, including public and private sector related franchises (including retail) and concessions in the rail and postal industries.

Why us?

We advise on the commissioning of healthcare and non-clinical services, routine employment, pensions, commercial contracts and property work and on large scale complex hospital redevelopment projects, PFI and LIFT schemes, renewable energy and district energy projects and complex information governance advice, including advising on the General Data Protection Regulation and freedom of information issues.
**Health and Safety Law**

**Why us?**
Our practice encompasses work for public bodies such as the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), local authorities and Public Health England as well as organisations in the private sector. We deal with formal investigations, breaches, prosecutions, appeals in the Employment Tribunal and on appeal to the High Court, corporate and governance structures and supply chain management and inquest procedures.

**Evidence of experience**
- Formal investigations by regulatory authorities into alleged breaches of Corporate Manslaughter Act, Health and Safety and Fire Safety legislation, and dealing with prosecutions arising from such investigations and prosecutions relating to personal liability for health and safety under Sections 7 and 37 HSWA 1974 and in relation to gross negligence manslaughter.
- Appeals in the Employment Tribunal and on appeal to the High Court.
- Prosecuting cases in the Magistrates' and Crown Courts for local authorities, and also dealing with Crown Censure proceedings against Government Departments with Crown Immunity.
- Investigations into H&S/fire and food safety failings and advice as to reputational/media issues.
- Inquest procedures including pre-inquest reviews, appearing as advocates in inquests, advising on Regulation 28 reports and challenges to inquest procedures by way of Judicial Review.

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**International Trade, Investment and Regulation Law**

**Why us?**
We advise on international trade agreements, investments, regulations and restrictions, competition law, anti-corruption procedures, modern slavery compliance, European safety requirements, mediation & arbitration, export licensing, controls and sanctions, employment, IP protection, online trading implications, franchising, joint ventures, jurisdictional issues, trade and export finance transactions, international tax sales, transport, logistics and insurance of goods, terms of carriage and incoterms and agency and distribution arrangements.

**Evidence of experience**
- We’ve helped businesses of all sizes on their exporting journey, sharing our knowledge and helping business to export their products and services across the globe. From identifying market and compliance requirements, to protecting your intellectual property and resolving any potential disputes, we have the knowledge to underpin the exporting goals of your business.
- Manufacturers and energy service suppliers on trade restrictions and sanctions currently in place.
- A number of retailers and FMCG manufacturers providing cross-jurisdiction regulatory advice.
- We have strong relationships with intermediaries including banks and financial institutions, tax experts and insurers.

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Life Sciences Law

Why us?
We have a robust Life Sciences practice, with our teams having advised on issues ranging from licensing and patents, through to medicines law and regulation and animal testing, animal health law and regulation. Our work with clients includes research bodies, healthcare organisations, and medical device manufacturers. We specialise in life science licensing, patent litigation and transactional services.

Evidence of experience
• A software company on the application of the EU Medical Devices Directive to bespoke information management and lab management systems, which are supplied to healthcare providers on a global basis.
• A Healthcare Trust on an alleged defective new hip replacement module designed by one of its surgeons, including advice on the clinical investigations and post-market clinical studies and surveillance.

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Planning Law

Why us?
We advise on Development Consent Orders, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitat Regulation Assessments, regeneration, residential development, transport schemes, town and village greens, waste schemes, planning obligations, infrastructure agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy issues, High Court challenges and Judicial Review and neighbourhood planning.

Evidence of experience
• A government office on the legislative and policy regime for DCOs.
• Local planning authorities on major redevelopment schemes, including negotiating s106 Agreements.
• A wide range of objectors including national household names including appearance in Select Committee.

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• An Airport on strategic development issues for implementation of a £10m passenger per annum expansion programme and on new major multi-storey car parking applications, s106 Agreements and on Judicial Review proceedings.
• A local authority on a re-development for comprehensive mixed uses with circa 2,400 new homes and a major new sports facility, including on the land assembly required.
Evidence of experience

- A local council on all aspects of its competitive dialogue procurement of a long-term private sector partner to develop district heating projects.
- A local council on its Priority Schools PF2 Project. We advised on the acquisition of the site and how it could be aligned to the Landowner Agreement, and the relevant provisions in the PF2 Project Agreement itself.

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Why us?

Our clients include local authorities, NHS trusts, fire authorities, local education partnerships, academy sponsors, private sector companies and funders. We also work in the secondary market, acting for buyers and sellers of infrastructure assets and on transactions to restructure and/or refinance projects.

Evidence of experience

- A university on its £100m bond-funded project to procure a partner to deliver two new colleges on a development site owned by the University under a long term design, build, finance and operate model.
- Three local authorities on the refinancing of their BSF projects.
- 2 local councils on their waste disposal PFI/PPP schemes including procurement, commercial, TUPE and real estate advice.

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Why us?

We have a wide range of expertise in public international law focussing on inter-jurisdiction trading issues and litigation/dispute resolution matters. To meet the challenge of globalisation we have developed and continue to foster strong reciprocal working relationships with leading law firms and outstanding individuals in different jurisdictions and/or in different areas of the law, who share our commitment to excellent client service.

Evidence of experience

- We specialise in advising on export sanctions, anti-corruption procedures and modern slavery compliance, checking trade restrictions, competition law requirements, export licencing, international trade agreements, mediation and arbitration, safety requirements from a European perspective and trade and export finance transactions.
- A central government department committee on the technical legal aspects of the Common European Sales Law (CESL) proposals.
- A major US-owned defence and aerospace contractor on an arbitration against a supplier of training services.
- A state-owned international airline on all aspects of its immigration requirements for staff.

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Security Clearance

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Restructuring & Insolvency Law

Why us?

We provide advice on recovery and business continuity, supply chain management, strategic insolvency and restructuring/turnaround advice, Investment Bank Special Administrations, the validity and enforceability of security including advising on how to improve and protect the secured creditor’s position, multi-jurisdictional and cross-border issues including Brexit, financial and operational restructuring and rescue/turnaround planning, directors’ duties and public interest proceedings.

Evidence of experience

- Two Community Interest Companies commissioned by their local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups to provide all social and adult care services for two South West regions in relation to their statutory duties whilst continuing to trade with uncertain solvency and, ultimately, the transfer of service provision to new providers.

- The Secretary of State in the investigation and disqualification of the former director of a company which contrived and facilitated a multi-million pound pension scheme abandonment, involving close liaison with a non-departmental public body.

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Telecommunication Law

Why us?

We have experience in UK General Conditions of Entitlement, telecoms regulation and spectrum management, telecoms property submarine cables, Internet of things and smart cities, procurement of telecoms or technology services and consumer regulations, onshoring litigation, mergers and acquisitions, project financing, private equity and joint venture, marketing and advertising documentation, payment services, smart/mobile money and technology solutions.

Evidence of experience

- A mobile operator company on their telecomms sites. Including advising on assignations of existing leases, site share and asset transfer agreements and notices to quit.
- On regulatory aspects of the acquisition of fibre optic cables in the North Sea. We advised on the procedure for transferring interests in the foreshore and on all leasing work for subsea cables in territorial waters for the Crown Estate.
- A telecommunications company in relation to the procurement of various technology solutions.
- On the projects-related elements of a central government department’s secure communications PFI.
- On general broadcast infrastructure services including the launch of Estuary TV, a new channel for northern Lincolnshire and east Yorkshire, which broadcasts to circa 350,000 homes. This is a public service broadcaster providing daily local news, combined with a varied programming schedule.

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Transport (non-rail) Law

Why us?

Our transport team has broad industry knowledge and decades of experience. We work with public and private passenger service providers (tram, bus, air and rail), infrastructure providers/managers (including rail networks, ports and airports), government bodies and members of the supply chain. We offer a full service legal practice, supporting clients on major infrastructure investment, devolution, re-licensing, smart ticketing and projects.

Evidence of experience

• An Airport on planning applications and infrastructure investments, strategic advice on expansion plans including advice on surface access issues, the night noise quota system, ecological issues, air quality, compulsory acquisition, property and CAA regulation.
• A transport company in its successful abuse of dominance claim against an airport, challenging the award by an airport of an exclusion coach concession to a rival operator.
• A government-owned company on a procurement with its European counterpart, for a replacement traffic management system in all Regional Centres in the UK and the Netherlands.
• An electronic tolling company in relation to the design, development, implementation and maintenance of a truck and tolling system for an EU member state worth in excess of £650m.
• A government office in relation to the contract for the operation of the Congestion Charging Scheme and Low Emissions Zone.

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