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To meet domestic and global growth expectations a huge amount of infrastructure will need to be built, rebuilt, refurbished or retrofitted. The scale and investment required to plug this infrastructure gap presents a formidable challenge and one in which our clients will play an important part.

Our infrastructure sector insight has been gained by advising many of the biggest players in relation to projects across the transport, health, education, waste, energy, defence, IT/telecoms, leisure, custodial and justice, airports and shipping, rail, roads and water sub-sectors. You will benefit from the breadth and depth of our sector expertise whichever role and in whatever infrastructure sector you participate.



There for you

Whether you are building, financing or investing in infrastructure in the UK, Europe, Middle East, South East Asia, South America or Africa, we're there for you.



No surprises

International patent litigation, presents difficult challenges and a wide range of strategic options across multiple countries. Our specialist advisors are experienced in cross-border patent disputes and are skilled coordinators of multi-country advice, working without fuss and focusing on client service. At the same time, we offer efficient and cost-effective local litigation services, even in relatively small disputes.



Future facing

Our full-service, in-house patent attorney team has specialists in all areas of technology, and we draft, prosecute, defend and challenge patents in patent office proceedings. We represent clients before the EPO as well as national patent offices.



Clients regard the team as “up there with the best,” adding: “They have always been very thorough in their approach, their advice is highly valued.”

Chambers & Partners 2019



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A market-leading team

CMS has eight Band 1 rankings for Infrastructure and Transport in the latest editions of Chambers UK and Legal 500 UK.

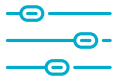
As a law firm that works in partnership with the infrastructure and public sectors, you will work with lawyers who understand the nuances and requirements of all parties to an infrastructure deal and who understand the importance of a commercially acceptable outcome for all.

CMS is focused on achieving the best result for you.



Awards and Rankings





How we help you

Whether you are a sponsor, lender, investor, government or procuring authority, we have the infrastructure specialists to meet all your strategic challenges.

Primary markets

Our award-winning team has considerable experience of advising contracting authorities, sponsors, sub-contractors and lenders on all types of infrastructure projects, both locally and internationally, and using various forms and sources of funding.

Having advised on ground-breaking projects with a combined value of more than GBP 16bn in the UK alone, our top-tier Infrastructure & Project Finance Group has been at the forefront of the industry for over 20 years.

Our 200+ lawyers work on projects in the UK, Central and Eastern Europe, Western Europe, the Middle East, Turkey, India, Africa, Asia and the Americas.

Experience of traditional project finance solutions – and other more innovative approaches – means we can advise on all infrastructure projects, regardless of the complexity or the challenges.

Secondary markets

We have helped shape the sector, ensuring quick deal completions on terms that optimise your returns. Our team is led by lawyers who specialise in infrastructure M&A and who work alongside colleagues with specialist knowledge of the relevant project, offtake and finance documents to provide a seamless and focused approach.

Because we are embedded in this sector, we understand your specific issues and provide innovative solutions.

As the privately financed infrastructure market expands internationally, our UK-based team works in partnership with international colleagues to advise clients on their international infrastructure portfolios.

Top Tier



in Infrastructure
(Legal 500, 2018)

Ranked No.1



in Infrastructure
(Chambers and Partners, 2019)



Involved in

125+
PFI / NPD

projects
in Scotland



300+

IPF lawyers in total

including throughout Europe,
as well as Turkey, Iran, Oman,
Dubai, Singapore and Brazil



Knowledge and know-how

We invest in, and prioritise, knowing what is new, what is coming and how fresh technologies will impact the work our clients do. This knowledge is incorporated into every piece of advice. Below is just a small selection of the CMS guides and updates available to you.



Connected Future: Global infrastructure report – Technology-driven transformations are not only disrupting our everyday lives but are also radically transforming the infrastructure sector. In the transport sector, the smart mobility revolution gathers pace. The rise of electrified, connected and autonomous vehicles is likely to represent the most significant transformation of transport since the invention of steam locomotives and internal combustion engines in the 19th century.

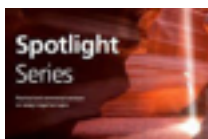
<https://cms.law/INT/Publication/Connected-Future>

Law-Now

Law-Now – Our award-winning legal news service with content covering over 30 jurisdictions giving immediate access to legal developments. You can sign up to Law-N.

Public Aye

Public Aye – Our public sector legal commentary and know-how for Scotland helps our clients navigate the challenges and maximise the benefit of any opportunities that might arise.



Spotlight Series – This series brings you practical and commercial seminars on today's legal hot topics. You can register your interest for any seminars via our new website. Visit **cms.law/spotlightseries**



Conferences – We have hosted various conferences addressing key issues within the sector including 'New PM, New Cabinet and Post Brexit – where now for UK Infrastructure', 'The Future of UK Infrastructure' and 'Energy Update following the Autumn Statement'. Previous speakers have included Lord Adonis, Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission and Lord Finkelstein, journalists and politicians.



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Twitter – Interactive news on what is happening in the world of infrastructure and project finance today. **#CMS_IPF**



Highlights of our recent experience

Defence

Advising on Project Allenby and Connaught – the largest infrastructure PFI ever led by the Ministry of Defence to provide army accommodation – and on the GBP 1bn variation to provide additional capacity to the Army Basing Programme.

Health

Advising on the GBP 170m Alder Hey Children's Hospital PFI, the Papworth Hospital PFI project, and the Dumfries and Galloway NPD project.

Infrastructure Portfolio

Advising on the structuring and sale of an infrastructure projects portfolio across France and Italy.

OFTO

Advising on numerous OFTO bids for National Grid and Dalmore/DIF.

Renewable Energy

Advising Aviva Investors on the acquisition of five onshore windfarms from RES Equitix, and on numerous merchant energy-from-waste/biomass facilities.

Roads

Advised on the GBP 500m Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, the Mersey Gateway Bridge project, the Milot Morine Highway in Albania, and on the sale of A1 highway in Poland.

Rolling Stock

Financing of new rolling stock on the Stansted Express, Norwich Line and cross country lines in the East Anglian franchise.

Awarded European Rail Deal of the Year, 2017, IJ Awards

Scottish Hub

Advised across all five Scottish hub Territories.

Aviation

Advising on and drafting tender and standard form contract documents for the USD 6.8bn expansion of Abu Dhabi airport.

Waste

Advising on the development of over 20 energy-from-waste facilities in the UK, Poland, the UAE and South East Asia, including the GBP 450m Edinburgh and Midlothian Waste project, and the GBP 2bn North London Waste Services PPP Project.

Education

Advising on the Westminster BSF, Barnsley BSF, Priority Schools Building Programme projects – including North-East, North-West and Yorkshire, and the Ealing Schools PFI project.

Maritime

Advising on the Braemar Shipping Services merger with ACM Shipping Group, International Mooring Services on the successful defence of a USD 127m breach of contract claim, and GasLog Ltd on the USD 1.3bn ECA-supported financing of the construction and delivery of 8 LNG carriers.



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