

UK Regulatory | Environment and Natural Resources

Much of EU environmental legislation is deeply embedded in UK statute. While Brexit presents a host of issues for the UK government, for businesses, and for the sectors in which they operate, it presents parallel challenges and opportunities.

Our regulatory lawyers partner seamlessly across your business as well as our own to uncover the opportunities and mitigate risk. We help clients across a variety of sectors to manage legal compliance, regulatory, and liability issues. We work on specialised regulatory matters in both contentious and non-contentious contexts.

Our areas of focus include:

- Identifying, managing and allocating environmental liability and risk across the full range of corporate, finance, and real estate transactions
- Contaminated land and water pollution, and the management of associated liabilities and regulatory investigations and proceedings
- Environmental compliance and permitting across a wide range of industry sectors
- Climate change and related regulation, including energy efficiency regulation, emissions trading, and carbon markets
- Advising corporate clients on environmental risk management and systems, and individual director liability for environmental and health and safety matters
- Environmental and health and safety investigations

Business integrity and sustainability

Through Hogan Lovells' Business Integrity Group (BiG), we help our clients balance strong financial performance with positive societal impact. From sustainable development and green financing, through to ESG reporting and impact investing, we help you do good business, the right way. We also developed our Business and Social Enterprise (BaSE) program, the foundation for building sustainable value for our clients and our stakeholders. It is an integral part of our philosophy that recognises an alignment between our commercial practice and our engagement with the communities in which we work. Over 50 percent of our lawyers and lawyers from over 20 major clients have completed the mini MBA (with a social impact focus) style course, which also provides a continued programme of pro bono support for social enterprises.



Examples of our UK experience

- Advising The Crown Estate on its Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4 process. The six Round 4 projects together represent just under 8 GW of potential new offshore wind capacity with the opportunity to deliver clean electricity for more than seven million homes
- Advising an international consumer goods company on compliance with international standards and methodologies to assess the environmental impact of their products and operations
- Advising a major motor manufacturer on UK government investigations into vehicle emissions.
- Advising Brookfield on the environmental aspects of its acquisition of Greenergy and its stake in the Thames Oilport site, one of the largest regeneration sites in the UK.
- Advising Equinor SA on the environmental aspects of the sale of its interest in the Teesside Oil Terminal and Processing Facility to Total, Eni, and Conoco Phillips.
- Advising a fertilizer producer following the death of an employee crushed by an agricultural vehicle.
- Advising a client on environmental and regulatory compliance across issues including waste, asbestos, REACH, CLP, fire safety, and the Proceeds of Crime Act.
- Advising BASF on environmental and regulatory aspects of the combination of its paper and water chemicals business with Solenis.
- Advising SABMiller on the environmental aspects of its acquisition of Meantime Brewing.
- Advising the City of London on the environmental aspects of its acquisition of the former Barking Reach Power Station site.
- Advising Asahi on the environmental aspects of its acquisition of the brewing business of Fuller, Smith & Turner.
- Advising a U.S. contractor on UK and EU nuclear import and export controls and nuclear liability risks.



Clients say ...

The firm always provides solid argumentation for its opinions and the proposed solutions. They take a multi-angled view when it comes to analysis.

Chambers UK, 2023

Hogan Lovells is proactive, helpful and well informed. They identify the pitfalls in the process early on and plan to avoid them.

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The team is very experienced, attentive to clients' needs and extremely responsive.

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