

## Kate Rees

Consultant

London

### Biography

Kate Rees focuses on solving problems thrown up by the UK/EU public procurement rules. Over the course of a practice spanning more than 25 years, she has become one of Europe's best known procurement lawyers.

Whether it's advising governmental clients on designing their procurement processes; drafting tender and evaluation documents for utility clients; advising contractors on maximising their scores in bidding processes or helping to bring/defend challenges, Kate's priority is always to ensure that the procurement rules are a facilitator, not an impediment: a means to achieving the client's strategic goals, not an end in themselves.

Kate joined Hogan Lovells as a consultant in 2011 from another leading firm, where she had been a partner and formerly head of the firm's EU and Competition practice. Her clients now include central government agencies, local authorities, utilities and suppliers/contractors. Procurement litigation and other bid challenges have become an area of particular focus: Kate and her colleagues have acted on 3 of the UK's largest procurement cases of recent years. Kate is consistently top ranked in the legal directories.

Chambers UK describe her as 'an excellent practitioner



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### Languages

English  
French

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### Practices

Government Contracts  
Government Relations and Public Affairs  
Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects  
Public Procurement

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense

who can convey complex areas of law to commercial people' and Who's Who Legal have placed her in the World's top 10 procurement lawyers in each of 2012, 2013 and 2014.

## Representative experience

Advising Royal Mail Group Limited on the competition to appoint a contractor to re-design, host and operate all the web portals of Royal Mail and Post Office Limited.

Representing NATS in High Court proceedings challenging the award of a contract for air traffic control services by Gatwick Airport Limited.

Advising Argent Related Services on the procurement aspects of its successful bid to undertake the £4bn re-development of Brent Cross.

Representing a medical supplies contractor in a UK High Court application to restrain the Department of Health from proceeding with a procurement of domiciliary oxygen services.

Representing Alstom Transport UK in High Court proceedings challenging the award of a multimillion pound contract to upgrade rolling stock on the Central Line.

Representing a subsidiary of French contractor Bouygues in court proceedings challenging the award of a £2bn contract to re-develop the site of the New Covent Garden Market.

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Beyond Brexit transition series
- Analysis
  - Top Brexit developments in 2017 for ADG companies

Real Estate

Technology & Telecoms

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.B. (Hons), University of Exeter, 1984

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## Memberships

UK Procurement Lawyers Association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales  
Solicitor, Republic of Ireland

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## Accolades

'Kate Rees is pre-eminent in procurement challenges'.

*Chambers UK 2014*

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'One of the best sources of procurement law expertise in Europe'

*Who's Who Legal 2015*

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'Very impressive, switched on and good at the detail'.

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - What will Brexit mean for UK public and utilities procurement *IP Alert*
- Blog Post
  - Updated Merger Filing Rules in COMESA