

Public and Regulatory Group

Issues you may be facing

- Tensions due to the interaction of corporates and regulators in the public sector. Both sides need to understand the economic pressures they are under and how to operate with each other effectively.
- The need to build channels of communication between regulators and corporates to avoid disputes.
- How public sector organisations can deliver value for money when public sector finances are under pressure. Bodies will need to have robust procedures in place and act within a changing environment.
- How corporates keep informed of the latest regulatory developments and comply with developing regulation.
- For both sides, issues will arise from the focus on efficient public spending.

How we can help

The Public and Regulatory group has considerable expertise in public and administrative law that goes across commercial and regulated industries. This includes expertise in highly technical areas such as the technology and pharmaceutical sectors. We are able to combine the skills and experience gained from high-profile challenges with our specialist skills and knowledge of such highly regulated industries.

We have a long pedigree of working with the public sector in a number of specialist areas. Drawing on this experience, we are able to add real value when corporate clients have to deal with regulators. In addition, given our involvement in many judicial reviews and other proceedings such as the CAT, we can see exactly how these issues play out before the court or tribunal. This is invaluable in providing advice to help both sides avoid pitfalls others would miss.

Our team has the unique advantage of having advised public bodies on decision making, whilst also having regularly challenged and defended decisions before the Administrative court. We understand every stage of the decision-making process.

We are renowned for our proactive and imaginative approach to finding solutions for clients.



Credentials

- > Appointed to the panel of the **QCDA** - the body responsible for delivering the national curriculum and exams.
- > We are regularly in front of the Administrative Court and can draw on a wealth of experience across regulated industries.
- > Advising a **major broadcasting regulator** on passing new high profile public services.
- > Leading a high profile investigation for a **major broadcasting regulator** into the retention of monies from phone-in competitions.
- > Acting for a **media company** in a judicial review of decisions by the telecoms regulator over the advertising of mobile phone competitions.
- > Acting on technically complicated **judicial reviews** that will have legal consequences throughout the European pharma industry.
- > Acting for a **financial services company** in defence of an application for judicial review of a decision by the Pensions Ombudsman.

The team

The team is comprised of 12 fee earners based in London. In Europe we also have specialists in public and regulatory areas, including broadcasting, technology and telecoms.

Our experience across diverse industries includes:

Broadcasting: dealing with the full range of issues concerning broadcasters and Ofcom, particularly where the broadcaster must adhere to Ofcom's codes dealing with fairness and standards applied to different types of broadcast content.

Telecoms: we have been active over many years in advising on the Communications Act 2003, as well as on regulatory guidance and codes of practice.

Education: through acting for the QCDA and private schools we have developed an in-depth knowledge of issues facing the education sector.

Pharma: We advise on all aspects of the regulations covering medicine and products on the borderline of such regulation, food and cosmetics.

Team members also have substantial experience in advising on the application of data protection and the Freedom of Information (Fol) act to companies and public bodies. The interaction between companies and public bodies has increased the exposure to Fol requests and data management issues. The team includes a former officer of the Information Commissioner's Office giving us unique specialist knowledge in this field.



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Credentials

> Advising a **publicly-funded company** on the state aid implications of a guarantee provided by the UK government.

> We have advised clients on preparing **consultation responses** in a number of different market sectors.

> Advising on **public procurement issues** for corporates in a wide range of industries. We have also advised procuring bodies.

> Advising on the handling of **DPA issues** and disputes involving Freedom of Information requests.

> Advising a **City Council** on the resolution of disputes from a high profile project.