

Agricultural and rural Legal services



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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce Browne Jacobson, to give you a snapshot of our expertise and experience and demonstrate how it could benefit you.

“I wouldn’t go anywhere else.”

Legal 500 2022, Private Client:
Personal Tax, Trusts and Probate

For many years we have supported families, wealthy individuals, landowners, entrepreneurs, investors, trustees (from individuals through to offshore trustees), accountants, independent financial advisors and other professionals, both on and offshore, on a range of relevant legal areas common to private wealth.

While we continually attract new clients, many have been with us for several generations, and we pride ourselves on providing a partner-led, collaborative approach supporting clients and building lifelong relationships.

Through this brochure we set out our experience and expertise in:

Private client	Commercial
Property	Regulatory law
Agricultural law	Food and drink
Corporate	Renewable energy

However, as a full-service law firm, we have the expertise and capacity to support you across any legal query.

We hope you enjoy reading this brochure and welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can support you in more detail.



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Private client

“It’s a highly professional service provided by knowledgeable, personable and approachable people.”

**Chambers and Partners 2022,
Private Wealth Law**

From financial and tax planning to the future succession of your business

or estate, our team will work closely with you and other professionals to provide tailor-made solutions.

The team is ranked first for private client work for the Midlands by both Chambers UK and the Legal 500 and we are all members of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP).

Our goal is to guide you through the labyrinth of rules and legislation and alleviate your concerns. We do this through effective and timely planning to help you and your family preserve your estate.

Our services and advice include:

- The succession of family estates and businesses through generations, and related estate planning.
- Tax - primarily inheritance tax including agricultural and business property relief, capital gains and income tax.
- Setting up and restructuring trusts and all aspects of trust administration.
- Agricultural and other family partnerships.
- Professional trustee services - either through an individual or our trust company Mowbray Trustees Limited.
- Specialist advice on commercial trusts.
- Family investment companies.
- Tax and legal advice for non-UK domiciled individuals.
- Trust and estate disputes.
- Probate and administering the estates of deceased individuals with complex business, agricultural and tax implications. Including estates involving overseas assets.
- Wills, including those with complex trust provisions, to help protect assets for the next generation.
- Powers of attorney and appointment of deputies. Dealing with the court of protection where a person has lost capacity.

Private client

Case studies

“I rate Lucy very highly, this is due to her whole approach, helpfulness, prompt attention even when very busy, and of course her professional knowledge.”

Chambers and Partners 2022,
Private Wealth Law



Landed estates

We have advised a landed estate client (£200M+) for several generations involving the creation of various family trusts to own much of the land and advice about estate planning for example, the gift and leaseback of chattels and reversionary lease planning in relation to the manor house.

Wills, trusts and inheritance tax and capital gains tax planning

We advise extensively in relation to this. For example, we advised a client (£100M+) about how best to draft his will to look after his wife and children from a former marriage. We prepared a will including a discretionary trust to receive business and agricultural assets and a flexible life interest trust for the remaining assets. This enabled the executors/trustees to look after the surviving spouse with the flexibility to transfer funds to children in a tax efficient way. It can also help protect the estate for the next generations from the risk of death, divorce, or bankruptcy of the beneficiaries.

Family partnerships

We created a family partnership for a farming family (£100M+) and transferred land with development potential into a trust to help protect the value for the family and maximise tax reliefs. We also advised this family about a land pooling agreement.

Private client

Key contacts



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Lucy has over 20 years' experience in advising clients on all aspects of personal tax, trust and wills drafting and estate and succession planning to preserve family

assets and businesses through the generations. Lucy has particular experience in restructuring and advising about trusts, advising offshore trustees, and providing personal tax planning advice for non-UK domiciliaries. Her clients are onshore and offshore and include family businesses, landowners, professional trustees, and those concerned with the preservation of family wealth.

Lucy is a trustee and executor for many clients and is a director of our in-house trust company Mowbray Trustees Limited. She is also a member of the Society of Trusts & Estates Practitioners (STEP).



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Imogen has over 14 years' experience of acting on a wide range of private client related matters. She advises on and supports decision making in relation to estate and succession planning, drafting wills and trusts, inheritance tax planning and wealth protection with a focus on practical provision for business owners, farming families and within estate and trust administration. Imogen acts for many family-owned estates and businesses with a view to preserving and securing key assets, tax reliefs and family harmony. She also has a background in providing advice to families with disabilities and on mental capacity, care provision and funding issues.

Imogen is a member of the Society of Trusts & Estates Practitioners (STEP).



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Scott's areas of expertise lie in supporting inter-generational trusts, acting as a trustee, advising trustees of their responsibilities and guiding business owners with their estate planning.

Scott is also well experienced in estate administration (including cross-border estates), wills and inheritance tax issues.

He works nationally across our offices and acts for a variety of clients including business owners, high-net worth individuals and trustees.

Scott is known for delivering his advice with a reassuring commercial approach.



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Koren specialises in advising on succession planning (including inheritance tax and capital gains tax planning), with a particular focus on preparing wills and trusts for land and business owning clients. Koren regularly advises executors and deals with the administration of complex, high value estates which include farm and business assets. She has extensive experience advising on and preparing powers of attorney, particularly for elderly clients and acts as an attorney for clients.

Koren has a diploma in the Administration of Trusts and Estates and is a member of the Society of Trusts & Estates Practitioners (STEP). Koren is also a representative on Nottinghamshire's Law Society Private Client Committee.

“Excellent, pragmatic and commercial” and “professional, polite and efficient.”

Chambers and Partners 2022, Private Wealth Law



Property and agricultural

“Sought after for expertise in property transactions and management, rights of access, deeds of easement, renewable energy matters and development agreements.”

**Chambers and Partners 2022,
Agriculture and Rural Affairs**

Our property and agricultural team provide a full service to agricultural, rural and estate clients including advising on property, planning, development, litigation, and agricultural entitlements.

We have been trusted advisors to a number of family and charitable estates for several decades. We handle their property transactions, registration of estates with the Land Registry and increasingly commercial and strategic work as estates seek new ways to diversify beyond existing farming enterprises.

Key facts about our team and the benefits we offer include:

Our clients

Trustees (from individuals through to corporate trustees and charity boards), entrepreneurs, landowners, investors, accountants, independent financial advisors, and other professionals, both onshore and offshore, including Wyggston Hospital Estate, Belvoir Estate, Natural England, National Trust and the Environment Agency.

Our expertise

A team of specialist lawyers working nationally, including lawyers as members of the Country Landowners Association and Agricultural Law Association. We regularly attend their meetings and get involved in discussions on issues relevant to our clients.

Strategic development advice

On strategic land matters such as option promotion agreements, development agreements, planning permission, joint ventures and terminating agricultural tenancies.

Specialist agricultural advice

On maximising eligibility for business property and agricultural property reliefs for inheritance tax purposes, reviews of agricultural estates to optimise tax efficiency, negotiating transfer of reliefs and retentions in land transactions and regulatory advice.

Estate management

We advise on agricultural and estate management matters, including farm business tenancies, grazing licences, subsidy schemes, minerals and commercial leases.

We attend trustee and management meetings and offer focused advice relevant to individual requirements if required. In addition, we work collaboratively with other professionals such as accountants, agents and consultants.

We are members of the Country Landowners Association and Agricultural Law Association, through which we regularly attend meetings and get involved in discussions on issues relevant to our clients.

Property and agricultural

Case studies

Sale of land

We acted for a farm landowner who entered into an option to sell the land subject to planning residential developer. Planning was granted for 150 homes and the property was sold. At the same time as the sale a new option was granted to the developer over the adjoining farmland for potential future residential development. The sale also required a surrender of an existing Farm Business Tenancy (FBT) affecting the land to obtain vacant possession.

Contested sale

We advised a significant agricultural landowner client, who entered into a sale contract in 2015 for the sale of a substantial area of agricultural land for residential development and which it wished to bring to an end. The client's previous solicitor had served notice terminating that contract and entered into a new contract with a third party, conditional on termination of the first contract. Unfortunately, the client's previous solicitor died, and we had to step in at extremely short notice to deal with the contested termination. Two Counsel's opinions were sought at various points of the procedure and, in the end, the sale was completed with the overage capable of being bought out separately.

Diversification

We acted for a longstanding estate client, on a diversification scheme for the landed estate that involved converting derelict buildings on the estate into a retail village for commercial lettings.

We were instructed to assist with the set up and structure of the site and lettings, including infrastructure, construction and commercial lettings. We have been instructed to deal with the site set up and commercial lettings of an extension to the development.

Farm acquisition

We acted on the acquisition of a 140-acre farm made up of four parcels of land from three separate sellers, all separately represented. The transaction involved two main acquisitions followed by an immediate land swap, to provide an access strip between the areas of land purchased. A significant part of the land was subject to a FBT, which added a further complication and required advice on entitlements and compensation.

We successfully liaised with the other lawyers involved to negotiate a simultaneous exchange and completion of all three transactions, as the client had requested.



Property and agricultural

Key contacts



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Robert has over 18 years' commercial property experience and specialises in property development and strategic land transactions, but also advises on a wide range of more general rural and agricultural property matters, acting for and advising a wide range of clients including high net worth private clients, investors, developers, charities, and owners of large landed and commercial estates.

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Georgina is a member of our property team and has particular focus on agriculture and landed estates. She previously worked for the Duke and Duchess of Rutland at Belvoir Estate and brings practical knowledge of landed estates, having dealt with matters such as manorial rights and historic legal rights during her time there. Georgina is a fellow of the Agricultural Law Association.



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Mark heads up the firm's real estate finance team which specialises in secured property lending. Mark's team supports the banking and finance team as well as independently acting on property finance transactions with specialisms including agricultural, landed estates, development, and investment. Mark acts for several high street banks and high net worth and agricultural focused lenders as well as acting for landowners as borrowers. Mark provides practical commercial advice to the firm's clients in taking security over/lending against property. Mark is known for being easy to use, approachable, proactive, and always prepared to 'give a view'.



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Anna is a senior associate in our real estate team and is experienced in all aspects of commercial property including sale and purchase of land for development by both landowners and developers, grant of leases for a wide range of properties and acquisition and sale of investment property. Anna advises landowners in relation preparation of title, dealing with title issues ahead of land being bought forward market and subsequent promotion agreements, conditional contracts, and options. Anna has acted for developers on the acquisition of sites ranging from single plot through to pre-let commercial development and large residential sites for national housebuilders.

Anna also acts for landowners and businesses in relation to general commercial property transactions including the acquisition and grant of leases, licences and other occupational documents.



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Sophie Meehan-Green is an associate in the property team developing her specialism in providing rural business advice, particularly to landed estates. Sophie also assists members of the wider team with strategic land transactions, for example drafting option agreements, overage deeds, promotion, and collaboration agreements. Sophie also works on a series of general agricultural matters, such as drafting and advising on agricultural tenancy agreements and grazing licences. Sophie is continuing her studies in agricultural law and has recently become a member of the Agricultural Law Association.



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Sam is an associate in our real estate department based in Exeter. He has experience in commercial property transactions for both public and private sector clients including sales, purchases, leases, and development projects (including associated matters such as deeds of easements and the release of covenants). Sam also advises education clients on the property aspects of academy conversions and transfers. Although based in Exeter, Sam collaborates daily with fee earners nationwide. In particular, he supports colleagues in our built environment team working closely with Dominic Buckley and Michael Parkinson. He also supports colleagues in our wider departments by providing real estate due diligence on corporate acquisitions and property finance projects.

Sam has been with Browne Jacobson since September 2016, starting as a paralegal in our education team before later gaining experience in our government and infrastructure, real estate, and inquests and advisory teams during his training. He qualified as a real estate solicitor in March 2022.



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Hannah is a senior associate in our property litigation department. Hannah has specialised in property related disputes since qualification and therefore has a broad range of experience in a wide variety of matters. She acts for a diverse range of clients across a number of sectors.

Hannah's key areas of expertise include lease renewals (hostile and non-hostile); dilapidations; rent arrears and service charge disputes; possession claims; and tortious claims including damage to property by reason of trespass and/or nuisance. Hannah's clients include household name retailers, schools, councils, NHS trusts, investor landlords and private individuals. Acting for both landlords and tenants enables Hannah to provide strategic and effective advice.

Whilst Hannah deals with a number of contentious matters, she advises clients in relation to alternative dispute resolution and settlement wherever possible in order to reach a swift and commercial conclusion.

“The firm look to take a practical and commercial stance on legal issues, understanding that there is often more than one right way to do things.”

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Corporate and commercial

We regularly advise estates clients, individuals, trusts and charities on their corporate and commercial arrangements – including in relation to family offices, family investment companies, trusteeships over business interests and succession.

For example, on the corporate side in addition to the support we provide in relation to transactions and funding, we advise high net worth individuals on a range of issues relating to their business interests from structuring or realising their investments through to succession issues in relation to owner managed businesses.

We also advise on the setting up and ongoing governance of family investment companies and angel investors on their investments in trading companies and in relation to the use of partnerships and LLPs. We also have a corporate trustee which acts as a trustee in many of our clients' trust arrangements.

On the commercial side we advise on contracts and arrangements relating to any commercial activities carried out by our clients or activities relating to their properties, business, or assets.

“They are very professional with a depth of expertise that will help get complex deals across the line.”

**Chambers and Partners 2022,
Corporate/M&A**

Corporate and commercial

Case studies



Corporate arrangements

Acting for Tom Joule, the founder and chief brand officer of premium lifestyle brand Joules, on a range of corporate arrangements, including:

- The £22m investment in Joules by Lloyds Development Capital.
- The £140m listing of Joules on AIM.
- The establishment of a family investment company, which has undertaken several property investments.

Various commercial arrangements

We act as trusted advisor for the trust and company entities and individuals that form part of a large landed estate, on a broad range of commercial arrangements, including:

- Location agreements for films.
- Concert venue agreements with promoters for performances by artists such as Il Divo and Tom Jones.
- The estate's agenda to drive commercial value from and including advising on entertainment and alcohol licensing, health and safety laws and catering contracts with both caterers and consumers
- The redevelopment of building for retail outlets which included drafting commercial contracts required for the sale and purchase of goods and services.

*“They are excellent.
Great people who
are competent and
understand their clients.”*

**Chambers and Partners 2022,
Corporate/M&A**

Corporate and commercial

Key contacts

*“One of the key corporate firms
in the East Midlands market.”*

Legal 500 2022 – Corporate and commercial:
Nottingham and Derby



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Gavin is head of our private equity team and has a wealth of experience providing strategic advice to founders and management teams on their corporate interests. His experience includes acting for the Dutton family on its development and subsequent exit of Synseal Extrusions; supporting Tom Joule, founder of retailer Joules, on the private equity investment by LDC and subsequent listing and advising the Gregory family on their disposal of Cromwell Tools.



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Iain joined the firm in 1993, specialising in corporate transaction work for both private and public sector clients, as well as partnership and LLP issues. He became a partner in 1999 and then head of our business services department in 2008. In May 2009, Iain took on the role of managing partner and over 11 years presided over a period of unprecedented growth and activity for the firm, before stepping down in April 2020. Iain now has a focus on Governance and Leadership, with three key aspects 1) executive leadership coaching – making use of his experience of leadership at the firm 2) business structures – corporates, family companies, reorganisations, LLPs and partnerships, and 3) private client – wills, trusts and estate planning.

Iain completed the Academy of Executive Coaching (AOEC) Practitioner Diploma course and is now a qualified executive coach accredited by AOEC and at Practitioner level by the European Mentoring and Coaching Council (EMCC).

“We have worked with Browne Jacobson for a number of years and have always found its lawyers to be very responsive. The teams we work with consistently deliver practical and commercial advice that is relevant to our needs.”

Joules



Regulatory

Our criminal, compliance and regulatory team is well used to reacting to fatal and serious accidents which often raise issues covering police involvement, privileged internal investigations, disclosure to the HSE, access rights to documents and equipment, questioning of employees and contractors and the appeals against improvement and/or prohibition notices.

The team both prosecutes and defends, regularly supporting business and individuals in a wide range of sectors, including those within the agricultural sector.

This includes:

- Defending companies/partnerships and individuals facing gross negligence/ manslaughter investigations/ health and safety investigations involving commercial and farm related accidents. These could result in investigations by all types of linked government bodies including HSE, Environment Agency, BIS, DEFRA and HMRC.
- Alleged breaches of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and the Protection of Badgers Act 1992.
- Acting for farmers and members of the shooting fraternity in firearms related offences; successful appeals to the crown court for firearms revocation cases.
- Advising on health and safety aspects applicable to commercial shoots.
- Local authority trading standards investigations involving milk contamination; animal tagging/ passport breaches; animal cruelty cases involving the importation/ sale/transportation of livestock; alleged breaches of the Food Hygiene Regs 2006; Egg and Chick Regs 2009.

Regulatory

Case studies



Health and safety prosecution

We supported a smallholder when a volunteer died becoming entangled in an unprotected power take-off shaft. The smallholder faced two charges under the Health and Safety at Work Act (to which he pleaded guilty) and a charge of gross negligence manslaughter (to which he pleaded not guilty) and faced up to 18 years' imprisonment.

We supported on the initial investigation, interviews with police and initial court hearings. The case involved the examination of expert audio and photographic evidence along with vulnerable witnesses, two of whom required special measures during their evidence. Although convicted he was sentenced on the basis of medium culpability and sentenced to four and a half years.

Environmental Agency investigation

We supported a landowner client in relation to an Environment Agency investigation. The incident arose from the irrigation of fields with "dirty water" from the farm; namely, rainwater run-off from the concreted road, outside yard areas within the farm and parlour washings.

The farm used a Briggs Irrigator to irrigate the fields using the dirty water. On a particular day the irrigator caught a land drain, and an amount of dirty water directly entered the drain, subsequently passing into an adjacent brook causing pollution. The investigation by the Environment Agency revealed high ammonia readings which, it was suggested, evidenced that the polluting event was not a single event.

Regulatory

Key contacts

“Nigel Lyons and Dale Collins provide an unusual combination of both hard work and a determined focus on the client’s interests. Nobody else does the work in the way this practice and these individuals do it.”

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Nigel has a criminal law background and has specialised in all types of contentious regulatory advocacy for many years. Nigel's particular emphasis is on the agricultural sector, together with expertise in health and safety and environmental cases. This includes defending companies/partnerships and individuals facing gross negligence/ manslaughter investigations/ health and safety investigations involving commercial and farm related accidents.



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Dale is a partner specialising in regulatory crime, particularly health and safety, environmental and food safety breaches in all sectors.

He is a solicitor-advocate, holding his Higher Rights qualification, and has been a court advocate for over 30 years, appearing before Magistrates' and Crown Courts throughout the country as well as inquest hearings on behalf of clients in the agricultural sector.

*“They are quite simply
markedly better than their
national competitors.”*

Legal 500 2022, Health and Safety



Food and drink

The UK food and drink sector is facing many challenges while the UK establishes its trading relationships with the European Union and further afield. Food and drink companies are also experiencing workforce shortages while keeping up with an ever changing regulatory landscape. Juggling pressures on profit margins created by supply chain issues and increases in the cost of utilities, combined with consumer demands for both convenience and long-term sustainability, means that companies must constantly invest in innovation and technology to keep up with competitors.

We act for major players in the food and drink industry. Our full-service team have a range of specialist sector knowledge from their experience of advising a range of clients from field to fork, including listed multinational food and drink manufacturers and distributors, national retailers, restaurant chains and CBD and supplement suppliers.

We deliver prompt and pragmatic advice to keep clients trading. We'll help make sense of regulatory and compliance issues, while avoiding reputational risks of a product recall or quality issues. In addition, we assist with mergers and acquisitions, trading arrangements, brand protection, competition issues, property management and a variety of employment matters.

“The team is very commercially focused. The lawyers are good at strategising and pay good attention to detail.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

Food and drink

Case studies



The Compleat Food Group

Provided employment advice, advice on property matters and various corporate transactions including the sale of Addo Food Group to PAI Partners.

Warner's

Acted for Warner's Distillery on various corporate matters and distribution arrangements.

Baird Foods

Advised Baird Foods on its Master Franchise Agreement with Extrawurst GmbH and its Sub Franchise Agreements.

Bridge Farm Group

Advised a on a sale of a business by Alberta-based cannabis producer and manufacturer.

Freshpak Chilled Foods

Advised a leading chilled food manufacturer on the introduction of MRP software, enabling it to connect factory floor personnel directly with its ordering system.

Norac Foods UK

Advised on product liability and compliance with the Food Information to Consumers Regulations.

Hancocks

Advised on various corporate, commercial, data and regulatory issues.

Branston

Provided regulatory advice in relation to CCE markings and EU Product regulations as well as other corporate and commercial matters.

Marston's

Provide strategic advice on its intellectual property portfolio and the protection of its key brands.

Argent Foods

Advised on a variety of employment and HR issues as well as data protection queries.

Park Cakes

Advised on a management buyout and other corporate law advice.

Chase Distillery

Advised on the investment by BGF in Chase Distillery.

Food and drink

Key contacts



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Sam is a partner in the corporate team and was named Solicitor of the Year at the Nottinghamshire Law Society Awards 2021. He specialises in mergers and acquisitions, trade disposals, private equity transactions, company reorganisations, corporate governance arrangements and provides general corporate law advice to clients.

Sam is the head of our food and drink group and has advised a range of clients in the sector, including multinational food and drink manufacturers and distributors, national retailers, restaurant chains and suppliers on a wide range of corporate matters.

Sam also focuses on the higher education and has acted for a number of higher education institutions on spinouts and corporate activities. He has presented at various conferences including the AULP and PraxisAuril conference as well as hosted various webinars including on topics such as spinouts and the commercialisation of intellectual property.

“They deliver real added value. They don’t just think about the legal problem before them, but also the overall strategic issues.”

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Rachel is a partner in our corporate crime and regulatory team and leads the public inquiries practice. She is recognised as a next generation partner in Legal 500. Rachel’s practice covers investigations and enforcement across a range of regulatory issues such as compliance advice and public inquiries, large scale inquests and internal investigations.

Rachel has the benefit of over 20 years’ experience advising businesses and the public sector at the most senior levels on regulatory investigations and enforcement action ranging from workplace fatalities and accidents involving the Health and Safety Executive and Police; fire safety; environmental offences; fire safety; food safety; trading standards and consumer protection.

The experience Rachel has gained advising organisations when things have gone wrong means she is well placed to support and advise organisations to proactively manage their regulatory risk. Her advisory practice goes beyond that, and she often supports clients prepare their business for significant regulatory changes none more so in recent years than as a result of Brexit.

Over the last 10 years Rachel has also built up a strong public inquiries practice representing core participants called to give evidence at an inquiry. Almost without exception, public inquiries involve high-profile issues of significant public interest bringing her into the middle of some of society’s biggest issues and Rachel ensures her clients receive the very best support and representation to deliver the very best evidence to the inquiry.

*“Expert who is willing to work
in a way which works for us as a
client - they make the difference
in the way they work with us.
We have an honest relationship,
which works both ways.”*

Legal 500 2021



Renewable energy and diversification

We recognise that the world is changing at a pace and so is the use of land. At Browne Jacobson we support our clients with a range of diversification projects and have particular expertise in renewables and energy from waste.

At Browne Jacobson we are known for being experienced, trusted advisors across a wide range of renewable technologies including hydrogen, wind, solar, battery, EV charging infrastructure, waste, biomass, nuclear and tidal.

We cover the full asset life cycle, from the origins of the underlying technological concept, through the regulatory, procurement, planning and authorisation phase to the raising of equity and debt capital, development and operation, the everyday operational aspects (including negotiating the ongoing commercial contracts, advising on agreements with governments, licence/distribution agreements and securing/protecting the related IP) and the sale/acquisition of assets/businesses, including the provision of sector-focused advice on asset-level legal due diligence.

Our CleanTech and renewables practice also includes drafting and negotiating commercial energy contracts. We act for sponsors, equity investors, debt financiers, E&I major corporates, public sector clients, tech SMEs, university spinouts, contractors, construction companies, developers, landowners and energy purchasers, and are familiar with the concerns and objectives of all the participants in these transactions.

Most importantly, we're committed to driving forward the important issue of environmental sustainability and climate change. We recognise that tackling climate change and achieving net zero is of fundamental importance, with this commitment underpinning every client relationship.

Renewable energy and diversification

Case studies



Clean Power Hydrogen

We advised Clean Power Hydrogen plc on its admission to AIM and continue to support subsidiary CPH₂ on international deals to commercialise its cutting edge membrane-free electrolyser technology for the production of highly pure hydrogen.

Clean Air Power

We have advised Clean Air Power, a global innovator in the transports sector with a long history as a provider of low carbon technologies, assisting with collaboration agreements on hydrogen fuel injector developments.

Welsh Government

We have advised the Welsh European Funding Office on a significant £31m funded tidal energy project. Once developed, the renewable energy infrastructure created by the project will become one of the largest tidal stream sites in the world.

H₂GO Power

We have advised on investment rounds and grant funded R&D collaborations for H₂GO Power, an awardwinning developer of green technology using its proprietary hydrogen storage technology and software.

Winbro

We work with Winbro, a world leader in the design and manufacture of advanced machines and technologies based on non-conventional processes. Winbro's high-technology machine systems produce holes and forms in components used in the most demanding parts of the fuel cell industry.

HyperTunnel

We are assisting with the development of a comprehensive licensing template to be used with our client's key partners.

Renewable energy and diversification

Key contacts



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Paul is a banking and finance partner and head of energy and infrastructure at Browne Jacobson. He specialises in all aspects of general corporate lending, infrastructure finance, acquisition finance, project finance and restructuring spanning across bilateral, syndicated and debt platform structures. He advises across the stakeholder pool including borrowers, sponsors (across corporates, private equity houses, institutional investors and asset managers), financiers (including alternative debt providers) and public sector bodies.

Paul joined the firm in 2019 after having spent 10 years at Allen & Overy in their globally leading Projects practice. He has extensive experience advising on PFI/PPP and infrastructure acquisition/financing transactions across a broad range of energy and infrastructure sectors. Paul has led and advised on some of the largest and most complex national and international transactions, many of which are award winning, advising across the stakeholder pool. Paul continues to lead significantly sized and multi-disciplined Browne Jacobson teams in connection with large E&I projects.

Paul spent time on secondment at High Speed 1 on two separate occasions gaining invaluable experience as life as a client and has also spent time working in the United Arab Emirates.



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Zoe is a partner in the construction team specialising in non-contentious (contracts) advice. She has almost 20 years of experience in advising UK and overseas construction and infrastructure, property, and commercial related projects. Zoe has a particular specialism in energy projects and has advised various stakeholders on a variety of public and private projects.

She is highly experienced in creating legal frameworks for complex deals and developments, including construction interfaces with funding, property / leasing issues, corporate restructures, and agreements with interested third parties /stakeholders. She is also well versed in the nuclear sector, having advised on several Tier 1 and Tier 2 supply contracts for Hinkley Point C and now Sizewell C.

Zoe's advice covers a range of Head Contracts, EPC Contracts (including FIDIC, NEC), O&M and Supply Contracts. She also advises on interfaces between project contracts and the pass-through of risks, responsibilities and obligations to best protect the client.

Zoe joined Browne Jacobson in 2022 after working for leading international law firms Reed Smith, Baker & McKenzie and Nabarro in London and Singapore, followed by national firm Clarke Willmott on her return to the UK. Zoe has an MSc in Construction Law from King's College, London and spent over five years in practice in Asia.

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