

Energy and infrastructure Construction

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of two construction workers on a steel framework. The workers are wearing hard hats and safety harnesses. The structure consists of numerous vertical and horizontal steel beams, creating a complex grid. The background is a clear blue sky. The overall tone is industrial and professional.

**Browne
Jacobson**

The construction market

“I’ve had the pleasure of working with Zoe on the Board of the Hinkley Professional Services Group, for which she is the Chair. She has been instrumental in developing the Group and has expanded the membership and reach of the Group, not least via her high profile in the legal and energy sectors. I would highly recommend her for similar Board roles and generally for her undoubted legal expertise.”

The Hinkley Professional Services Group

Our energy and infrastructure group includes a team of engineering and construction experts. We provide advice, support, and guidance on a wide variety of issues in major or complex projects. Our projects can be large or small and span from energy and power projects, social and civil infrastructure to manufacturing plants and industry. We support a wide range of public and private clients, and tap into our significant national and international reach. We offer engineering, procurement, and construction advice at all levels of supply chain throughout the whole project lifecycle, including contracts and dispute avoidance.

Our approach is to work as part of your project team, with an in-depth understanding of your business needs and priorities to build strong, longstanding client relationships. Our sector knowledge is extensive, covering renewables and green energy, clean energy (including nuclear), waste, water, transport/logistics.

Our widespread experience across the energy and infrastructure sector means that we know the market and provide well-balanced, rounded advice. This also serves as a firm foundation for innovative projects using new technology and implementing key strategies such as sustainability, ESG, data management and digital transformation.

Our projects expertise includes a broad range of commercial construction services covering engineering, procurement, construction as well as operation and maintenance. Our experience acting for a range of government bodies, quasigovernment bodies and local authorities, as well as private sector commercial clients, plant owners, manufacturers, developers, contractors, suppliers and the like, means we are well placed to draft and negotiate contracts as well as advising on operational issues and dispute avoidance. We also act for funders and provide due diligence on corporate investment deals.



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Browne Jacobson, at a glance

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

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Full-service offering

We cover the full project life cycle, from assisting with tender evaluations / negotiations, providing commercial / legal support throughout the project, to dealing with any completion arrangements or disputes arising. We can also advise on any financing / scaling up needs, development and operation, everyday operational aspects (such as negotiating commercial / supply contracts, employment issues, property / licence / distribution agreements and securing / protecting IP) and the sale / acquisition of assets / businesses, including sector-focused asset-level legal due diligence.

Expert teams

Our industry experts provide constructive, innovative and pragmatic advice which addresses and anticipates the wide variety of issues which can arise during transactions. We believe that connection gets results, makes all parties stronger and is central to the Browne Jacobson approach. We’re excited to be growing our relationships with clients, working collaboratively and forging connections in what is likely to be a period of rapid innovation and development for the sector.

Working together

Members of the Energy and Utilities Alliance (EUA) a not-for-profit trade association that provides a leading industry voice helping to shape the future policy direction within the energy sector.

We’re a founding member of Pangea Net and its specialised energy and renewables group. Pangea Net is a non-exclusive network of full-service law firms across the globe, giving our clients to access high-quality, specialist advice, efficiently and cost effectively.

We work very closely with the Midlands Engine on sustainability policy and strategy, helping to develop its Green Growth Action Plan, chairing its Green Growth Board, and engaging with industry, academic and public partners.

The first law firm to become an official partner to O-Shaped, an innovative movement with a mission to drive positive change within the legal sector and promote greater collaboration between law firms and their clients.





Our value proposition

Strategic Partner

We strive to build long-term relationships with our clients, recognising this will require investment and energy.

Sector Expertise

Our advice is underpinned by sector and asset specific knowledge and experience.

Solution-Oriented

We believe that legal and commercial issues should be met with solutions.

Commercial

We add commercial value through providing innovative, practical and thoughtful advice.

Collaborative

We understand the intricacies of transactions in this sector and as such we approach transactions in a collaborative and open minded manner.

Timely Completion

We are focused on achieving your deadlines and transaction milestones.

Commitment

We are committed to helping you achieve your transactional aims and ensuring you only pay for value.

Partner Led

We believe in smaller, partner led teams – but we can field significant resources when required.

Explore our practices and services

Our E&I practice is a full-service offering, with a focus on the energy and infrastructure sectors. We offer a full-service practice including:

- Projects (inc PFI/PPP)
- Banking and finance
- Corporate mergers and acquisitions
- Commercial contracts
- EPC / Construction
- Real estate
- Regulatory / planning / subsidy control
- Environment and climate change

We also offer a full-service practice including:

- IT and IP
- Litigation and disputes
- Technology
- Insurance
- Procurement
- Tax
- Energy
- Health and safety
- Digital and outsourcing

Our energy and infrastructure practice is a full-service offering, with a focus on the energy and infrastructure sectors. We offer a full-service practice including:

- Social infrastructure
- Waste
- Water
- Heating
- Electricity and electric vehicles
- Wind
- Solar
- Hydrogen
- Oil and gas
- Digital

We also offer a full-service practice including:

- Smart infrastructure
- Road
- Rail
- Aviation
- Maritime
- Mining and metals
- Logistics
- Fibre
- Regeneration
- Nuclear

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Practices

The diversity of the E&I sector and the nature of the transactions in such a space requires a full-service offering. We offer a full-service practice including:

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Sectors

We recognise that our clients will need sector-driven advice and our team is highly experienced across a wide range of sub-sectors including:

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Our international reach

We maintain close working relationships with leading lawyers in other jurisdictions through the Pangea Net global network and with firms that we've identified as being the best in their markets. This enables our clients with overseas interests and international clients to access high-quality, specialist legal advice efficiently and cost-effectively.



“I also want to thank the excellent work of the Browne Jacobson team on this project, whose in-depth knowledge of our business and experience in this sector has been invaluable. As usual they went the extra mile to help us achieve this successful outcome.”

Clean Power Hydrogen

“Flourishing practice noted for its representation of clients such as contractors and employers. Experienced in both national and international projects, in both contentious and non-contentious contexts.”

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200+
Firms connected
worldwide

Recent highlights



Advising Suez SA and its shareholders on its £2bn acquisition of its former UK waste business – Suez Recycling and Recovery UK – from Veolia.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Advising the Welsh European Funding Office on a significant tidal infrastructure project to facilitate the further development of tidal power generation technologies through providing 'plug and play' infrastructure.



Advising Covanta Energy on the commercial elements of the construction of an IBA treatment facility at Wellingborough, providing an efficient IBA solution for its Energy-from-Waste plant.



Advising CPH2, a green hydrogen technology and manufacturing group, on a variety of projects including its AIM admission and global licensing arrangements.



Advising leading mid-market private equity firm LDC on its investment in Stonbury – the leading UK water and environmental sustainability specialist.



Advising award-winning H2GO Power on investment rounds and R&D collaborations to develop its proprietary hydrogen storage technology and AI platform.



Advising Rcapital in connection with its rescue acquisition and financing of Avonside Energy, a renewables, solar pv and insulation business.



Advising Oxford City Council on a high-profile infrastructure project which will support the City of Oxford in its sustainable goals strategy through the launch of an electrical vehicle (EV) charging hub.



Negotiating and completing a Power Purchase Agreement to purchase landlord generated solar power.



Advising Cheshire East Council on a new solar farm adjacent to an organic waste site. The team provided advice to support the cabinet decision and confirm the legal basis for proceeding with the solar project; this included covering licensing issues. We also negotiated the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contract and Operation and Maintenance Contract.



Advising Tier 1 contractor (manufacturer) on supply contracts for the Hinkley Point C nuclear new build project including in respect of price inflation, Brexit, and FIDIC contracts.



We have advised Mace Group on IP protection and commercialisation of new innovative building techniques, and managing and enforcing its global trade mark portfolio.



Advising a multitude of clients in connection with Solar PV installation projects and associated power purchase / offtake agreements in connection with their decarbonisation / sustainability agenda.

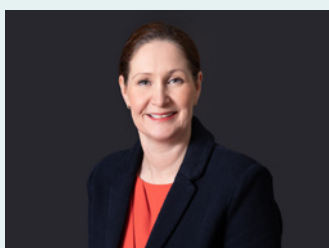


Advising on a range of sub-contracts, supply packages, manufacturing and logistics contracts in relation to existing and new nuclear projects.

Key contacts

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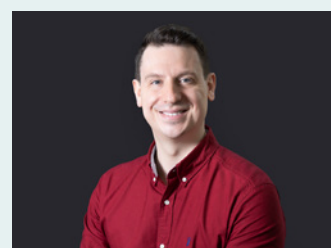
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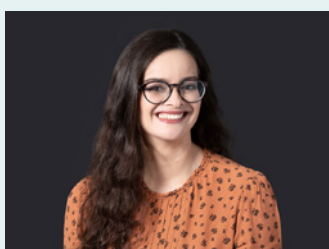
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