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Jan is a public sector commercial and governance lawyer in Browne Jacobson's Birmingham office. Jan specialises in public procurement (litigious and non-litigious), commercialisation (including trading powers, joint ventures, and Teckal companies), and governance (including governance of local authority trading companies and shared services).

Jan helps public sector clients achieve their commercial goals in an efficient, legally-compliant way with the right governance and minimising the risk of challenge. Prior to joining Browne Jacobson, Jan's extensive experience included leading the commercial and contracts team in-house at a County Council where she held a complex case-load of high value commercial contracts and procurements (including procurement challenges). Having worked in the public sector, Jan understands the challenges facing the public sector and is aware of the wider issues that will impact a project and its delivery. Jan advises on procurement (including disputes), contract management and poor supplier performance, outsourcing (including the commercial contract, LGPS admissions and exits), shared services and delegation of functions, collaborative procurement, local authority trading companies, joint ventures, and lawful decision-making. Jan has supported the public sector on the commercial contracts for leisure, traffic, waste and hosted services, and with academy commercial transfer agreements.

Jan has also advised both the New Zealand government and Australian Commonwealth Government on administrative decision-making and governance.

Related expertise

Academy conversions

Commercial law

Freedom of information

Public procurement

Subsidy control

Testimonials

"The support that we received from Jan was exceptional. Jan shouldered significant burden through drawn out and complex negotiations. Jan was considered an integral member of our team not simply a professional giving advice at arms' length."

Client,

"Jan is tenacious ... the sort of lawyer you want on your side."

Local authority,

"Jan is clear, piercing in her advice, really pragmatic and can-do and brings enormous knowledge and skill. Jan always calls it straight and gives good, strong advice for what we need to be doing."

Local authority,