



Government Contracting

Our clients who provide products and services to governments must contend with ever-changing procurement rules and regulations. Many opportunities are open to them but they are accompanied by legal consequences for everyone involved.

The global financial crisis has placed intense pressure on governments to tackle major budget deficits and debt burdens. As a result, competition for contracts is fierce, bid costs are high and the financial terms imposed on contractors are demanding. International procurement regimes bring their own challenges for non-compliance for both contractors and government customers.

To help our clients meet these challenges, our government contracting practice has grown to become one of the largest of its kind in the world. Unlike many others, we act for both governments and global contractors on their contracting and procurement requirements.

We provide tailored advice and legal services on virtually every aspect of government contracting and public procurement, from bid strategy through to potential challenge. These services include: preparation of strategic alliance agreements and teaming arrangements; bid protests and challenges; and contract administration and claims. Our lawyers also litigate contract disputes and claims involving contractors.

- IT procurement: The UK government turned to us for advice on the world's largest civil information technology procurement
- IP: When two federal contractors went to court in a dispute between them, we were called by the defense to testify as an expert witness on its intellectual property. The US jury found in favor of the defense on all nine counts, including all government contract IP issues.
- Data protection: We advised a global aviation company on the data security and protection survey of data protection requirements in public contracts covering 40 countries
- PPP: We advised a global defense company on a public-private partnership with the UK's Ministry of Defense to modernize their search and rescue helicopter program
- Procurement: A Canadian pharmaceuticals company needed help dealing with various aspects of European Union procurement law. We helped it prepare and submit a vaccines tender to the UK Purchasing and Supply Authority.
- Defense: We advised the Australian Defense Force on the US\$3 billion Amphibious Ships

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- FCPA: Our lawyers represented a global defense contractor facing an FCPA subpoena concerning allegations of improper payments in Africa over six years. The US government dropped all charges.

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16 MAY 2019

The order is issued pursuant to the National Emergencies Act and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the latter creating potential civil and criminal liability for those violating EOs and regulations issued under its authority - liabilities that can expand to include those who facilitate a violation.

EU Policy & Regulatory Alert - EU Publishes Artificial Intelligence Ethics Guidelines

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On 8 April 2019, the EU's High-Level Expert Group ("AI HLEG") on Artificial Intelligence ("AI") published the much-anticipated "Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI", setting out a horizontal framework for the development and deployment of ethical and robust AI systems across the EU

EU Policy & Regulatory Update: First Designations under EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions Regime

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On 21 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/86 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons, listing nine individuals and one entity under the EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions regime.

EU Policy & Regulatory Update - EU Adds Three Iranian Persons to EU Terrorist List

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On 8 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/25 amending and updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP.

First Round of US Sanctions Reintroduced and EU Blocking Statute Updated

7 AUG 2018

US President Donald Trump announced on 8 May 2018 his decision to withdraw from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the "Iran Nuclear Deal", reached in Vienna on 14 July 2015. The US provided 90- and 180-day wind-down periods before the US nuclear-related secondary sanctions would be reintroduced.

EU Policy and Regulatory update: EU Legislation to Block US Extraterritorial Sanctions against Iran

21 MAY 2018

On 18 May 2018, the European Commission has launched the process to "activate" EU Council Regulation No 2271/96 (EU Blocking Statute) and to expand the scope of the EU Blocking Statute to include the US sanctions against Iran.

Is collaborative working improving in operational PPPs?

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An in-depth look at some of the key questions facing the PPP market, with direct input from those at the coalface of the industry.

EU Impact - Issue 4

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Edition 4 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments.

EU Impact - Issue 3

5 APR 2018

Edition 3 of our monthly update on the latest EU policy and regulatory developments.

Life after Brexit - how the UK and China can both benefit from the new global regime on jurisdiction agreements and judgments

16 NOV 2017

On 12 September 2017 China signed the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements 2005 ('Hague'). This ensures not only that a country's exclusive jurisdiction agreements are respected in all other contracting states, but that judgments arising from those agreements are recognised and enforceable there too - so Hague does rather more than it says on the tin.

The Cybersecurity Framework: Administration, Congress move to incentivize private-sector cooperation, strengthen federal acquisition process

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6 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has advised BrewDog, a multinational craft brewery and pub chain based in Scotland, on the acquisition of World Bistro & Gardens in Berlin from Stone Brewing, one of the largest craft breweries in the US.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.
