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Maria Pereira practices in the area of infrastructure projects and procurement law, with extensive experience of a range of commercial contracts, including large scale complex PPP and PFI infrastructure transactions.

Her clients include public and private entities in a range of sectors including defence, emergency services, nuclear, transport and education.

Maria's key strength lies in the depth and understanding of the commercial and legal issues affecting each party in a transaction and finding solutions acceptable to the parties to ensure the successful delivery of the transaction.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Spanish

- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Infrastructure Finance
- Power and Transmission
- Public Private Partnerships and PFI
- Social Infrastructure
- Transport
- Water and Waste

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials

English French Spanish

- Airport Capacity Programme - advising The Department for Transport on its programme to determine whether there is a need for additional airport capacity in the South East and, if so, where such expansion should take place
- DFRP - advising Serco on its bid to the MOD for the outsourcing of the Defence Fire Risk Management Organisation
- Hinkley Point C - advising Cavendish Nuclear Ltd on its successful bid for the balance of nuclear island contract in respect of Hinkley Point C
- MFTS - advised the joint venture of Lockheed Martin and Babcock on their bid for the single-sourced 1B Fixed Wing package, comprising training equipment and services to the UK Ministry of Defence
- LFB - advised Babcock on its successful bid for the high profile London Fire Brigade Future Options for Training project
- EYIS Contract - advised Ofsted on its competitive dialogue procurement for the Early Years Inspection Services

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Education

- College of Law, LPC, Distinction, 2003
- London School of Economics and Political Science, LLF (Law with French Law), 2:1, 2002

Memberships

- Member of the Procurement Lawyers Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

Reforming the Single Source Regulatory Framework: a more strategic approach?

27 April 2022

A significant reform agenda relating to the single source regulatory framework has been proposed by the UK Ministry of Defence. If the proposed reforms are implemented, it will mark a continued move towards a more "strategic" role for single source procurement. The article provides a detailed analysis and summary of the key proposed reforms.

Projects Global Insight Issue 5, 2022

1 April 2022

Projects Global Insight

Welcome to the new issue of the Project Global Insights 2022. In some areas of the globe we are now seeing a gradual loosening of restrictions triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, and stakeholders and governments across the world continue to focus on transport, infrastructure and clean energy investments to boost economic activities.

Focus on the industrials sector

18 January 2022

Understanding the UK National Security & Investment Regime Podcast

In the third episode of the series we turn our focus to specific sectors. Sarah Smith and Matt Evans are joined by DLA Piper's defence sector specialist, Maria Pereira to discuss the impact of the regime on the industrials sector, specifically in relation to the defence, military and dual-use, advanced materials and satellite and space sectors.

The DLA Piper Project Simulator – one year on

2 July 2021

Over the past year, we have delivered The DLA Piper Project Simulator to many of our construction, engineering and infrastructure clients, over a virtual platform, and client feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment: a global perspective

18 March 2021

In a new global report, produced in partnership with Global Infrastructure Investor Association (GIIA), DLA Piper assesses the case for PPPs, backed by multijurisdictional analysis from our projects and infrastructure lawyers around the world as well as insight from leading infrastructure investors who are fellow members of the GIIA.

Follow-up: Sustainable and resilient mobility – key considerations

31 July 2020

We, together with the Spanish Chamber of Commerce in the United Kingdom, recently hosted a webinar on key considerations regarding sustainable and resilient mobility. Our panel of speakers which included Maria Pereira (Partner in DLA Piper's Finance, Projects and Restructuring department), Laura Harding (Head of Environmental Policy at HS2 Ltd), Ri.

Events

Previous

Public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment: a global perspective

28 April 2021

Webinar

Sustainable and resilient mobility – key considerations

16 July 2020

PRO BONO

Maria is an active participant in DLA Piper's pro-bono initiatives, including being the pro-bono co-ordinator for the London Projects and Energy and Infrastructure Finance teams.