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LEGAL SERVICES
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR



ABOUT DAC BEACHCROFT

DAC Beachcroft is a leading international law business with around 2500 employees globally as well as 12 offices in the UK and Ireland. We are a full-service firm offering corporate and commercial expertise alongside market-leading sector knowledge.

We are relentless in our pursuit of the best solutions for our clients, working collaboratively to generate new ideas and provide imaginative solutions. We pride ourselves on being approachable and providing transparent and straightforward advice.

We have a deep knowledge of the construction and engineering sector with in excess of 50 senior specialist construction and engineering lawyers dealing with all aspects of construction and engineering including disputes and advisory work. We act for contractors, consultants, employers, developers, central government local authorities, health authorities, financial institutions and insurers.

'Always very responsive and focused on meeting the client's needs in a tailored and pragmatic way. Advice that cuts to the chase.'

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'Practice head Ben Thornycroft, noted for going 'the extra mile to understand business needs', provides day-to-day as well as strategic and contract advice across sectors. Professional indemnity claims against construction professionals form part of Philip Roberts specialisations, while Nick Hillyard splits his time between commercial work and professional indemnity matters. The team does excellent work.'

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INTRODUCTION

Each member of our dedicated team has been advising in the construction sector throughout their career. They take pride in working in a sector that continually innovates and has sharpened its focus on safety. They also understand the impact of demanding schedules, vulnerable supply chains and fragile profit margins.

Sector specialists: our team works with many leading contractors around the world and has built a large body of knowledge about the sector. Our experience of working with developers, funders and a wide range of associated professionals enriches the advice we deliver.

Full service: we have the breadth and depth to support your business with legal advice in every area, in addition to our core Construction service, including: procurement, employment, regulatory, technology.

Heritage: our firm is held in particularly high regard for its Insurance and its Real Estate and Construction expertise. This foundation informs all our work, in both contentious and non contentious work.

Legal experts where you need them: the scope and size of our national and international offices and worldwide network means that we deliver the service you need, where you want it. Our lawyers work to consistent standards, as part of an integrated global team.

Cost transparency: our approach to fee arrangements is flexible, to suit the way you work: hourly, fixed fees and reductions for volume. We provide a transparent, no surprises approach, founded on regular communication.

Outstanding service: we are driven by a commitment to provide outstanding service, delivering creative and customised advice. We have a reputation for developing enduring relationships.

Partnership: Our approach is to work not just as your law firm, but as your trusted adviser. We provide views and fresh insights in addition to expert legal advice.

Right team, right price: the size of our practice means that we can match the right level of lawyer to the right type of work, helping manage costs.



GLOBAL REACH

- 11 UK locations: Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Newport, and Winchester
- European offices in Dublin, Paris, Italy, Madrid and through our Legalign Global partner Bach Langheid Dallmayr, five locations in Germany
- Asia Pacific: Singapore and through our Legalign Global partner Wotton+Kearney in Sydney and Auckland
- USA: Miami and through our Legalign Global partner Wilson Elser in a further 30 USA locations
- Latin America: offices in Bogotá, Mexico City and Santiago de Chile.

At DAC Beachcroft our clients not only benefit from working with our legal teams in our offices across UK, Europe, Latin America, Asia-Pacific and North America. We also support their business plans overseas by providing expert dedicated advice to those companies with interests or roots in countries such as China, Israel, Japan, or the African continent. Other desks also offer bilingual services in German and French.

- 📍 DAC Beachcroft office
- 📍 Representative office
- 📍 Legalign Global
- 📍 Associations
- 📍 Best friends
- 📍 Collaboration



OUR LEGAL SERVICES

CONSTRUCTION

Our aim is clear: to ensure you operate with the best contractual terms, with risks and opportunities carefully considered.

As one of the largest national construction practices we have more than 50 senior lawyers working in the UK and around the world on construction and engineering projects. We provide trusted advice from project start to completion, negotiating the best position for you and drafting clear, commercial and bespoke agreements.

We advise on the full life-cycle of a construction, engineering or infrastructure project including:

- Building contracts and professional team appointments
- Collateral warranties, third party rights and reliance letters
- Compliance issues
- Development and framework agreements
- Due diligence audits for funders
- Facility maintenance agreements
- Letters of intent, guarantees, bonds and reliance letters
- Operational concerns
- Procurement and project structure issues
- Disputes

Disputes on construction projects can be complex and involve difficult contractual and technical considerations. We have a specialist team of dispute resolution lawyers who are vastly experienced and can cut straight to the heart of a construction dispute, saving considerable time and money and salvaging relationships.

Our team are skilled at adjudication and will avoid costly disputes if at all possible. and can also guide you through Court or arbitration proceedings. We are involved in some of the most high profile contractor disputes currently in litigation.

Whatever the activity, we apply a straightforward practical approach to finding business focussed solutions. We combine wide ranging experience of large and small projects with legal, construction, engineering and quantity surveying expertise. Many of our lawyers are dual qualified in these disciplines, giving us a rounded experience of the construction industry.



OUR CLIENTS: A SELECTION



OUR WORK: SOME EXAMPLES

Advising on a joint venture between John Laing and Interserve on a £690m PFI project to create and manage flagship offices and a state of the art communications centre for 2,2000 military and civilian staff at Corsham, Wiltshire.

We acted for a Northern Russell Group University on a multi-million refurbishment of part of its city centre complex We advised on the form of the building contract and ancillary construction documents and on the negotiation with the major contractor.

We represented a structural engineer and insurers in two related disputes concerning works undertaken to form new basement levels and redevelopment works at two high end London schemes.

We advised Bristol Water on their Southern Resilience Scheme, an infrastructure project to improve security of water supply to over 280,000 customers south of Bristol. This included issues concerning Shute Shelve Tunnel, where there is a cycleway in a former railway tunnel in the ownership of North Somerset Council through which the new pipeline is former being laid.

Providing advice to a Republic of Ireland based joint venture waste-to-energy contractor in respect of a construction contract and ancillary contractual documents.

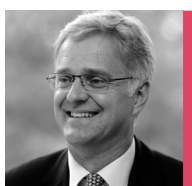
Representing a leading UK housebuilder in High Court proceedings concerning fire stopping issues to an entire estate with substantial re-build costs and a total estimated claim value in the region of £20 million.

We are advising on a number of hospital expansion schemes, including for Guy's and St Thomas NHS FT at the Evelina London Children's Hospital which involves a variety of preparatory projects.

Acting for a leading housebuilder on the new build development of its new head office and as anchor tenant of a new business park. We were closely involved in the project management and planning of the site acquisition, as well as leading on the drafting and negotiation of the development agreement.

We acted for a large national house builder in complex proceedings in respect of 2 accidents involving the same Claimant and several sub contract parties. A full indemnity was secured for the first incident from one of the sub-contractors and we also secured a dismissal at trial for the 2nd incident with the court determining that no such accident occurred. All defence costs were recovered.

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