

UK Regulatory | Administrative and Public Law

No business operates free from the actions of government departments, agencies, and regulators. When their actions affect your business, you need to be able to hold them to account.

New legislation, a policy decision, a regulatory outcome: when the issue is business critical, you want a team that understands how to achieve the commercial result you need. A team that is adept at working at the intersection of business and government, and at bringing legally complex challenges in technically difficult areas. And making them simple enough to succeed. A team that understands your commercial objectives and the pressures public bodies face. A team that knows litigation is never an end in itself and delivers a fully rounded strategy.

And if you are a public body, you want that same team fighting your corner – helping you to make legally robust decisions that are attuned to the political and policy challenges you face.

We have substantial experience acting in the most high-profile and complex administrative and public law cases before domestic and international courts and tribunals. We understand the legal and commercial complexities and political sensitivities that such cases involve.

The breadth and depth of regulatory knowledge of our global practice is peerless. We combine our administrative and public law experience with that of government relations and policy advocacy, to give our clients integrated, strategic assistance. We use the full range of arguments and approaches in a way that is sensitive to your objectives and the political and commercial risks involved.

Examples of our UK experience

- Acting for ITV in a judicial review challenge regarding its broadcast coverage of the 2019 General Elections.
- Advising NATS on public law, regulatory and policy issues, including a number of judicial review claims relating to its economic and safety regulation.
- Advising the Department for Education on emergency funding proposals to alleviate impact of COVID-19.
- Acting for a commercial applicant in proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights on fair trial and property rights in connection with enforcing a judgment in Ukraine.
- Acting for Uber in appeals against TfL – twice – to secure its licence to operate in London.
- Advising UK Gambling Commission on the design, award and regulation of the next National Lottery Licence, one of the world's largest lotteries.
- Advising Pension Protection Fund (PPF), the statutory fund created to protect members of defined benefit pension schemes that become insolvent, in respect of an ongoing judicial review challenge.
- Advising The Crown Estate on business-critical constitutional issues, including the design and drafting of the legislative package to deliver Scottish devolution and related constitutional issues.

“ Clients say ...

A brilliant regulatory firm. They are at the top of their game in what they do.
Administrative & Public Law, Chambers UK, 2021

I cannot stress how exceptional they have been in their assistance.
Administrative & Public Law, Chambers UK, 2020

Particularly adept at advising businesses and public bodies on judicial review applications, constitutional issues and regulatory challenges.
Administrative & Public Law, Chambers UK, 2021

Hogan Lovells' team brings a deep understanding of public law issues and litigation strategy, coupled with a very practical and commercial approach.
Administrative and Public Law, Legal 500 UK, 2021

Recognized for excellence

Winner of Innovative Team award, *Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe 2020*

Administrative and Public Law, *Tier 1, Legal 500 UK, 2017-2021*

Administrative and Public Law, *Band 1, Chambers UK, 2018-2021*

Parliamentary and Public Affairs, *Band 1, Chambers UK, 2018-2021*

Public international law, *Legal 500 UK, 2021*

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