

## James Duckworth

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### About James

James Duckworth is a partner in the firm's Infrastructure Group.

James specialises in the procurement of major infrastructure projects, often on a PPP or project-financed basis, and has substantial experience of doing so in the energy, waste, healthcare, education, defence and transport sectors. He also has substantial experience of advising various governments, in particular in the GCC region on PPP legislative, regulatory and institutional reform. In addition he has acted on a number of major real estate development projects on the procurement side.

He advises on all aspects of procurement strategy, the drafting and negotiation of contractual documentation, risk management and dispute avoidance. He has a detailed understanding of all infrastructure procurement documentation, including concession agreements, power purchase agreements, EPC contracts, framework and alliancing agreements, development agreements, subcontracts, professional appointments, collateral warranties, parent company guarantees and bonds.

James has acted on behalf of developers, contractors, concessionaires, funders, construction professionals and public bodies, including central and local government in both the UK and on a number of major international projects, in particular in the Middle East and Africa.

James is recognised as a Leading Individual in *Legal 500 UK* 2019 and as a Notable Practitioner for Construction in *Chambers UK* 2019. He is a member of the Society of Construction Law.

### Experience

- Advising a number of governments, in particular in the GCC region, on PPP legislative, regulatory and institutional reform.
- Advising a GCC government agency on the PPP procurement of a series of university hospitals.
- Advising a GCC government agency on the PPP procurement of a large housing project.
- Advising a GCC government on the financing of the extension of a metro line.
- Acting for international developers on the development of various utility scale wind, solar and biomass projects in the Middle East, Europe and India.

- Acting for major waste companies in the development of a series of waste to energy and materials recovery plants.
- Acting for an international utility on a complex restructuring of contractual arrangements on a project for the design construction and commissioning of a CCG turbine power station.
- Acting in various high-profile PFI projects for the procurement of equipment and accommodation for the UK military.
- Acting for a large UK NHS Trust in respect of a major hospital new build/refurbishment project in Central London.
- Advising UK local authorities on the procurement of new build or refurbishment of schools in various PFI/Building Schools for the Future projects.
- Acting for an international developer on a large mixed used development in the West End of London.
- Acting for a multinational consortium on the development of a project-financed scheme for the development of a toll road in southeastern Europe.

## Credentials

### Education

- University of Oxford(The Queen's College), MA,
- King's College, London, M.Sc.,

### Admissions

- England and Wales, 1993

## Recognitions

- Recommended in *Chambers UK* 2019 for Construction, Yorkshire.
- Recommended in *Legal 500 UK* 2019 for Energy; Infrastructure; Construction.

## Expertise

### Services

- Real Estate

### Industries

- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Infrastructure

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