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## The Water Sector

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Hammonds has one of the largest specialist construction, engineering and projects teams in the United Kingdom. We have experience of both water and wastewater projects and have been advising the water industry on their asset management programmes since privatisation in 1989.

### **ESTABLISHED WATER SECTOR EXPERIENCE**

Our team has specialists who are experienced in advising upon procurement, project management and dispute avoidance/resolution in both the regulated and unregulated, water and wastewater areas of the water industry. We have experience of many of the technologies and processes used in all kinds of water treatment, including purification, bio-chemical treatment, filtration and sludge treatment.

Having experience of working for both employers and contractors in the industry places us in a unique position with a thorough understanding of the risks, liabilities and obligations of all parties in the water sector. Our clients include Anglian Water, Thames Water, United Utilities, Southern Water, Kelda Group (Yorkshire Water), Coast to Coast Water Limited (Severn Trent-Costain JV), Volker Stevin, Suez Veolia and Morrison Utility Services.

### **EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT**

We play a key role in advising upon the issues arising on projects in the sector, seeking to manage the cost and minimise the risk to owners, funders, operators and contractors in the industry.

### **TRAINING**

We have also undertaken training programmes for key stakeholders in the sector. The training we have provided ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance/resolution. We have also provided training in the bespoke forms of contract used in the sector, including numerous seminars on the NEC3 form of contract.

### **COMMITMENT TO CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS**

It is our priority to invest time in understanding the needs of our clients and regularly assess and review our standard of service to ensure that our services are delivered at the high standards that our clients expect.

### **CONTROL OF COSTS**

We understand the need to keep costs under control and work with you to achieve this by pro-actively looking to identify where cost savings can be achieved.

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“I have worked with David Moss and Paul Giles in the Hammonds Construction Engineering and Projects Team for over ten years and always been very impressed with their professional and commercial approach. I have no hesitation in recommending them.”  
David Hosker,  
Senior Legal Counsel, United Utilities Legal Department

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## RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
<b>Asset Management Programmes (AMP)</b>	
A Utilities Contractor	Advising upon an AMP5 framework contract.
A Water Company	Drafting and advising upon the AMP5 framework contracts.
Water/Utility Companies	Drafting and advising upon the AMP3 framework documentation relating to both water and wastewater projects.
A utility company	Undertaking an audit of AMP2 projects and advising upon the risks and liabilities arising at the end of the AMP period.
A utility company	Preparing bespoke project documentation for specific infrastructure projects (with a high end value of circa £200 million).
<b>Water Projects</b>	
A major utility company	Advising on design and installation issues arising out of a major clean water pipeline project.
A water sector employer	Advising on the defence of significant claims in arbitration relating to delay, disruption, loss and expense for the construction of a water treatment works.
<b>Wastewater Projects</b>	
A utility company	Drafting and advising upon the project documentation for a sludge treatment works.
A utility company	Advising upon a £100 million claim in relation to a wastewater treatment works (a BAFF treatment plant, including significant odour treatment issues).
<b>Contractors</b>	
A Utilities Sub-Contractor	Advising on design responsibilities issues on a major civil engineering project in the water industry.
A Utilities Contractor	Advising on the interpretations of a framework agreement and the potential claims arising as a result.
A PFI Contractor	Advising in a £7 million dispute in relation to the water and wastewater operational and asset management services.

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