



Why Hammonds Construction, Engineering and Projects?

Hammonds LLP's Construction, Engineering and Project's practice – part of our Built Environment Group offering – has the resources, expertise and know-how to help you address all your construction, engineering and projects needs, whether you are a public or private sector employer, a consultant, a contractor, a subcontractor, a supplier, an insurer, a purchaser, a tenant or a funder.

WE SPECIALISE IN ALL AREAS OF CONSTRUCTION LAW REQUIRED BY THE INDUSTRY

Hammonds LLP is one of the largest and most respected construction, engineering and projects legal practices with offices throughout the UK, Europe and Asia. In the UK alone, we have over 30 specialist lawyers based in our offices in London, Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester giving you the experience and resource you require in relation to all aspects of the industry.

WE HAVE SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE INDUSTRY

We understand the markets in which you operate and which underpin your business. Our sector-based practice means that lawyers with in-depth industry experience are assigned to your team right from the start. Our lawyers combine expert legal advice with industry know-how in the following sectors:

Chemicals; Energy and Utilities; Real Estate; Public Sector and Government; Infrastructure.

WE ARE WELL CONNECTED WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Our senior lawyers are closely associated with bodies such as the Technology and Construction Solicitors Association and the Society for Construction Law. Some of our lawyers have experience working directly in the construction and engineering industries, through previous careers or secondments. Some are qualified surveyors or engineers. We have excellent working relationships with the some of the industry's finest barristers and claims consultants. This gives us, and our clients, access to the latest legal developments and the all-important industry know-how that enables us to formulate pragmatic and tactical business decisions.

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Chambers and Partners, 2009

WE COMBINE THE RESOURCES OF AN INTERNATIONAL FIRM WITH LOCAL MARKET KNOWLEDGE

We use local construction experts in our offices throughout the UK, Europe and Asia to help your business maximise its potential. In the UK alone, we can service your business needs from any of our four UK teams in London, Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham where you will get the same breadth of experience and access to the resources of the national and international team.

WE COME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

The Legal 500 Directory, 2009 says Hammonds LLP's Construction, Engineering and Projects team is "noted for its quick, comprehensive advice and commercial outlook". Chambers and Partners, 2009 says it is a "serious construction player with squadrons of assistants at its disposal, this firm has a fine network of offices..."

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US

"...thank you for your hard work and sound professional advice...Your clear expressions and advice were given in plain English (no legal jargon) and this was especially appreciated by the Governors"

D Williams, Headteacher, The Westminster School in relation to the BSF Governing Body Agreement

"Equally well regarded for its strengths in both contentious and non-contentious work, this balanced team is able to provide clients with a complete service on construction concerns".

Chambers and Partners, 2009

"...your commitment to the project goes beyond the formal work framework and its so refreshing and much appreciated to work with you because of this."

Karen Seager, Highways Policy & Street Lighting PFI Project Manager, Coventry City Council

"A niche service in dispute avoidance through commercial management is being developed by team leader Zakir Mulla. He has all the information and knowledge at his fingertips to give you guidance straight away, and he knows the current market situation well."

Chambers and Partners 2009

"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

"The group is noted for its quick, comprehensive advice and commercial outlook."
Legal 500, 2009

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The Chemicals Sector

Hammonds LLP is one of the largest and most respected construction, engineering and projects legal practices with offices throughout the UK, Europe and Asia. We have experience advising the Chemicals sector both in manufacturing and process and we can offer a unique service to our clients in association with our Safety, Health and Environment Group (SHE) which addresses some of the key drivers in the Chemicals sector such as hazardous waste and safety.

ESTABLISHED CHEMICALS SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Our team has specialists who are experienced in advising upon procurement, contract choice, drafting and negotiation, project management and dispute avoidance of chemical, pharmaceutical, petrochemical and biofuel projects both in the UK and overseas. Our expertise means we can draft and negotiate contracts and advise throughout the lifecycle of the plant and distribution of the chemical from initial project conception, through building, extensions and modifications to mothballing, demolition and remediation. We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the many different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE CHEMICALS SECTOR

Having experience of working for employers, sponsors, technology providers, funders 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 Chemicals sector. Our clients include Ineos Fluor, International Furan Chemicals BV, FUJIFILM Imaging Colorants Limited, Univar UK Limited, ConvaTec UK, Avencia Ltd, Lucite International Limited, Simon Carves Limited, EDF Energy, GDFSuez, Renewable Energy Generation, Vattenfall AB.

TRAINING

We can also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Chemicals sector. The training we can provide ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance/resolution. We have also provided training on the forms of contract used in the Chemicals sector, including numerous seminars on the NEC3, IChemE, FIDIC, JCT and ICE as well as bespoke forms of contract.

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RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Chemicals	
A major engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) Contractor	Advising in a £10 million adjudication with a subcontractor on defective works and extension of time claims at a polyethylene plant.
A global leader in colorant manufacturing	Advising in relation to disputes at a UK facility which produces pigment for the global inkjet market.
A world class chemicals manufacturer	Advising in relation to procurement, contract management and dispute avoidance at a chloride facility in the UK.
A chemicals manufacturer	Advising in relation to disputes at a private chemical effluent wastewater treatment works at Grangemouth.
A world-leading chemical distribution company	Advising in relation to procurement and contract management at a distribution facility in the UK.
A manufacturer of acrylic products	Advising in relation to an engineering, procurement and construction contract (EPC) based on IChemE for a new methyl methacrylate (MMA) manufacturing plant in Singapore.
A major engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) Contractor	Advised in relation to the design, supply and construction of a LDPE (Low Density Poly Ethylene) plant in Nanjing, Peoples Republic of China
Pharmaceuticals	
A pharmaceutical company	Drafting and negotiating a contract to redevelop an existing facility for a new wound dressing process.
A pharmaceutical company	Advising on disputes at a pharmaceutical plant under a NEC3 contract in relation to claims arising from compensation events, changes to the Works Information and the Completion Date.
A pharmaceutical company	Advising in relation to the mothballing of a site.
Biofuels	
A major engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) Contractor	Advising on the project documentation in the construction of Europe's largest and first project financed bioethanol plant.

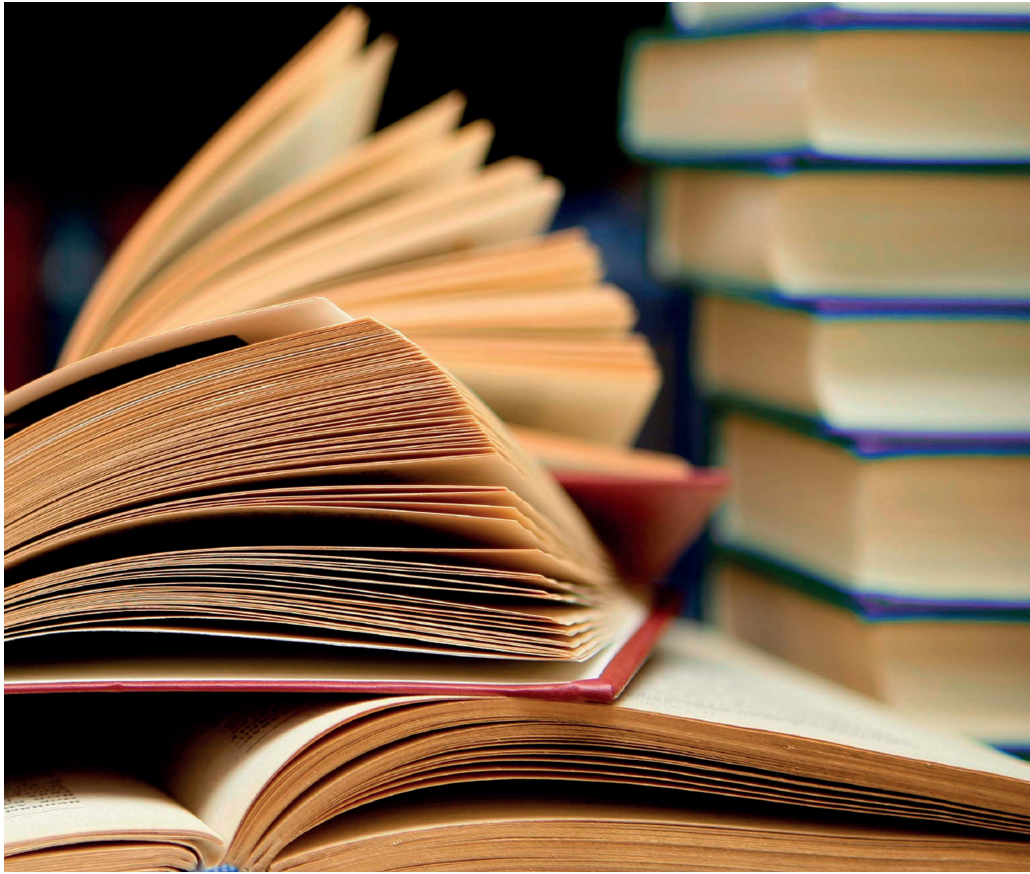
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The Education Sector

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ESTABLISHED EDUCATION SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Our team has specialists who are experienced in advising upon procurement, contract choice, drafting and negotiation, project management and dispute avoidance on a variety of education projects both in the UK and overseas. We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the many different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR

We have experience acting for the full range of clients in the Education sector including public and private sector clients and funders, PFI consortium, contractors, sub-contractors, consultants and suppliers. Our experience places us in a unique position with a thorough understanding of the risks, liabilities and obligations of all parties in the Education sector. Our clients include University of Sheffield, GB Building Solutions Ltd and Clegg Developments Limited.

TRAINING

We also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Education sector. The training we provide ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance/resolution. We have also provided training on the forms of contract used in the Education sector, including numerous seminars on the NEC3, IChemE, FIDIC, JCT and ICE, as well as on bespoke forms of contract.

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RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
A major university	Advising in relation to a £5.8million dispute over six adjudications relating to late delivery of student accommodation under a quasi-PFI arrangement.
A private building company	Advising in relation to a five-year school replacement framework contract with Northumberland County Council as part of a programme to improve standards and school buildings in the county.
A UK contractor	Advising in relation to various framework contracts with subcontractors and suppliers for a school replacement programme.
A developer	Advising in relation to a quantum meruit claim and disputes at a new build college in Nottingham.



The Renewable Energy Sector

Hammonds LLP is one of the largest and most respected construction, engineering and projects legal practices with offices throughout the UK, Europe and Asia. For many years we have advised on all aspects of renewable energy projects. Our experience includes biofuels, windfarms, CHP plants, renewables, hydroelectricity, biomass, waste to energy and tidal and wave energy.

ESTABLISHED RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Our team has specialists who are experienced in advising upon drafting and negotiating turbine/equipment supply agreements, EPC contracts, balance of plant, engineers' sub-contracts, electrical and instrumentation sub-contracts, sub-contractors' collateral warranties, sub-contractors' novations, grid connection agreements, service agreements, warranty agreements and operation and maintenance agreements on a variety of renewable energy projects both in the UK and overseas.

We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the many different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

We have experience acting for a range of clients in the Renewable Energy sector including owner-operators, sponsors, licensees, funders, regeneration agencies, developers, contractors (including EPC and EPC-M), professionals, subcontractors and other specialist contractors. Our experience places us in a unique position with a thorough understanding of the risks, liabilities and obligations of all parties in the Renewable Energy sector.

Our clients include Manchester Airport, Abengoa, Ineos Fluor, Vattenfall AB, The Cornwall Light and Power Company, Simon Carves, Shaw Group UK Limited, Stone & Webster, Laker-Vent Engineering Ltd, Bristol Myers Squibb, Bomel, Lucite International, Barclays Bank and Royal Bank of Scotland amongst others.

EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

Our unique experience in the biofuels sector speaks for itself we have advised on:

- the only bioethanol project (about to complete) in the UK; and
- a number of other UK based bioethanol projects which have not yet completed.

“Hammonds seems to have discovered the holy grail of top quality advice at a reasonable cost.” Legal Week Client Satisfaction Report, 2009.

On these projects we have acted for both the Sponsor and EPC contractor and therefore are very much aware of issues affecting both key parties and the likely requirements of the Sponsor's funders.

TRAINING

We also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Renewable Energy sector. The training we provide ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance/resolution. We have also provided training on the forms of contract used in the Renewable Energy sector, including numerous seminars on the NEC3, IChemE, FIDIC, JCT and ICE and bespoke forms of contract.

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Biofuel/Biomass Projects	
A major engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor	Advising on the project documentation in the construction of Europe's largest and first project financed bioethanol plant.
A private equity investment firm	Advising on the EPC Contract for the construction of a biomass plant in the UK.
Wind Farm Projects	
A leading European energy company	Advising in relation to a 130 MW offshore wind project including procurement, EPC, O&M issues and licensing issues.
A leading wind farm developer	Advised on a 300 MW offshore wind project including procurement, EPC contracts, specifications and funding requirements.
CHP Projects	
A major pharmaceutical company	Advising in relation to the project documentation for the development of a site specific CHP facility
A major UK energy sub-contractor	Advising on an adjudication at a CHP project in Liverpool.
Waste to Energy	
A UK contractor	Advising in connection with an adjudication on a waste to energy plant.
LNG Projects	
A major UK energy sub-contractor	Advising in relation to variation account, delay and disruption claims and associated costs on the design and construction of an LNG plant at Milford Haven, South Wales.

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The Nuclear Sector

Hammonds LLP is one of the few firms in the UK with genuine experience and in-depth understanding of the EU and UK nuclear liability regime and surrounding practical issues. Our focus on the Nuclear sector coupled with our experience advising in relation to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's (NDA) competitions places us at the forefront in this area. In addition to our in-depth knowledge of the legal, regulatory and commercial issues, we understand the inter-relationship of key Government departments on nuclear issues.

ESTABLISHED NUCLEAR SECTOR EXPERIENCE

We have advised on a substantial number of major projects in the Nuclear sector, as well as providing operational advice in relation to the nuclear sites. Our recent experience includes representing bidding consortia in NDA competitions, providing advice on regulatory, licensing, health and safety, insurance, planning, public procurement and EU public law issues and negotiating operational and maintenance agreements. We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE NUCLEAR SECTOR

We have experience acting for a range of clients in the Nuclear sector including bidding consortiums, Tier 2 Contractors, parent body organisations, operational companies, licensed nuclear installations, new build sponsors, professionals, subcontractors, specialist contractors and suppliers. Our experience places us in a unique position with a thorough understanding of the risks, liabilities and obligations of all parties in the Nuclear sector.

Our clients include the NDA, British Nuclear Fuels, British Energy Group, Nuclear Management Partners Ltd (consortium comprising Areva NC, Amec and URS Washington Division), Sellafield Ltd, UK Nuclear Waste Management Ltd (consortium comprising URS Washington Division, Studsvik UK, and Serco Assurance), LLW Repository Ltd, Areva SA, Springfields Fuels Limited, Babcock International and International Nuclear Solutions plc, amongst others.

EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

We are active participants in the Nuclear Industry Association Working Groups on Decommissioning, Energy Policy, Industrial Affairs and New Build. Some of our Nuclear team are members of the relevant boards.

TRAINING

We can undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Nuclear sector. The training we provide focuses on regulatory, health and safety, planning and public procurement issues as

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well as dispute avoidance and resolution.

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg	
Bidding Consortia	Advising on a successful bid for appointment as parent body organization in the first of the NDA competitions. Advice included the establishment and structuring of the consortium company.
A Parent body organisation and Site Licensing Company	Advising on operational matters including waste strategy, supply chain management, and waste consignor contracts. This work involves us in regular dialogue with the NDA, HM Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) and the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM).
Sellafield	
Bidding Consortia	Advising on a successful bid for appointment as parent body organization on the largest and most complex NDA site and in the first NDA competition to adopt the competitive dialogue process. Our involvement included advice on nuclear and other liability risks, development of contractual terms for inclusion in the bid, representation in competitive dialogue and clarification sessions with the NDA, finalisation of the contractual documentation and structuring issues to manage transition and completion of share transfer.
Regulatory Advice	
Licensed Nuclear Institutions	Advising on regulatory issues including nuclear site licence provisions (and related discussions with NII), UK road and rail nuclear transport permitting and international regulatory compliance.
Insurance	
Licensed Nuclear Institutions	Advising on nuclear insurance regimes, including representation and negotiation in connection with international conventions.
Dispute Avoidance and Resolution	
Various	A number of substantial contractual disputes in connection with nuclear decommissioning work at Berkeley Power Station, Trawsfynydd Power Station, Hunterston A Power Station, Springfields, Preston.
Various	Disputes in connection with the design, construction and refurbishment of various nuclear plants throughout the UK.

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The Oil and Gas Sector

Hammonds LLP has one of the largest specialist construction, engineering and projects teams in the United Kingdom. We also have offices in the UK, Europe, Hong Kong and Beijing with an associated office in Russia

We have extensive experience advising the Oil and Gas Sector and we can offer a unique service to our clients.

ESTABLISHED OIL AND GAS SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Our team has specialists who are experienced in advising on all types of projects and have a thorough knowledge of the regulatory issues applicable to this sector.

We can advise at all stages in the project including project management, procurement, development, construction, supply, dispute avoidance and resolution.

Our experience includes upstream development, extraction, infrastructure and equipment (on and offshore) together with downstream refinery, storage and supply.

We act for a number of companies with refinery capabilities in the UK and we have advised on pipeline, jetty and "off-take" agreements.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE OIL AND GAS SECTOR

We have experience acting for a range of clients including employers, major oil companies, producers, purchasers, sellers, pipeline operators, suppliers, natural gas storage developers as well as consultants and contractors carrying out design and construction within the sector.

Our experience places us in a unique position with a thorough understanding of the risks, liabilities and obligations of all parties in the Oil and Gas sector.

TRAINING

We can also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Oil and Gas sector. The training we can provide 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 Oil and Gas sector, including numerous seminars on the FIDIC, NEC3, IChemE and IMechE forms of contract.

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RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Upstream – Offshore	
A developer	Acting in a dispute arising out of a development agreement for the exploitation of a gas field in the North Sea.
Downstream – Refinery	
An international oil company	Advising on developing an oil refinery in China.
A Specialist Contractor	Advising on the Reliance refinery in India.
A major Chinese Contractor	Acting in relation to a refinery new build and refurbishment project in Egypt and Turkey respectively.
Downstream – Supply	
Purchaser of an engineering business	Arbitration in a dispute in relation to an oil concession in South Yemen under ICC rules.
An major oil company	Advising in an expert determination between two oil majors arising from a dispute over a fuel supply contract.
North Sea gas sellers	Advising on an expert determination against a gas purchaser in respect of the imposition of penalties under take or pay principal gas sales agreements for the production, delivery and supply of natural gas.
An major oil company	Acting against a gas company in a dispute relating to gas delivered from UKCS gas fields.
A Specialist Contractor	Advising on the Essar (Songo Songo) onshore/offshore pipeline.
Downstream – Storage	
A major UK energy sub-contractor	Advising in relation to variation account, delay and disruption claims and associated costs on the design and construction of an LNG plant at Milford Haven, South Wales.
An EPC Contractor	Advising in relation to the gas storage facilities at Byley.
A contractor	Advising on planning inquiries, consenting, property and commercial issues in relation to several gas storage projects, advising on regulatory issues.

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The Power Generation and Utilities Sector

Hammonds LLP is one of the largest and most respected construction, engineering and projects legal practices with offices throughout the UK, Europe and Asia. We have experience advising in the Power Generation and Utilities sector in power generation, power transmission and system operation, power distribution and gas distribution.

ESTABLISHED SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Our team has specialists who are experienced in advising upon procurement, contract choice, drafting and negotiation, project management and dispute avoidance of conventional, nuclear and renewable power generation projects as well as transmission and distribution projects both in the UK and overseas. We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the many different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE SECTOR

Our experience includes advising on UK and international projects involving power stations, oil refineries, pipelines, networks and supply agreements. The size and international scope of our practice coupled with our industry knowledge puts us at the forefront of legal advisers in the sector and our approach gives our clients access to teams of lawyers who combine market knowledge with an international perspective.

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. Our clients include National Grid, British Energy Generation Limited, Alstom Power Limited, Morrison Utility Services, Simon Carves, Shaw Group UK Limited, Stone & Webster, Abengoa, Vattenfall AB, The Cornwall Light and Power Company, Fulcrum Pipelines Limited, Complete Energy Solutions, Affordable Warmth Solutions and Switch2 Energy Solutions, amongst others.

TRAINING

We can also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Power Generation and Utilities sector. The training we can provide ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance/resolution. We also provide training in the bespoke forms of contract used in the sector.

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RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Power Generation	
A repair and maintenance power contractor	Advising in relation to a number of adjudications concerning delay and disruption claims on a coal fired power station.
A repair and maintenance power contractor	Advising in litigation over the operation of Section 105(2)(c) of the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 under a term maintenance contract at a coal fire power station based upon the GB/WTBA Conditions RMR 1980 Model Conditions of Contract.
An major UK electricity generator company	Advising in relation to a UK domestic arbitration under CI Arb. rules on the design and construction of a project to encapsulate nuclear power station Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) resin.
A major UK energy sub-contractor	Advising on extension of time, disruption, delay and associated costs at a CHP project in County Limerick Ireland
A major UK energy sub-contractor	Advising on an adjudication at a CHP project in Liverpool.
A major pharmaceutical company	Advising in relation to the project documentation for the development of a site specific CHP facility
Power Distribution	
A major Utilities Contractor	Advising in relation to procurement frameworks to be utilised by electricity alliances.
A service provider	Advising on contractual arrangements for operation and maintenance of infrastructure.
Gas Distribution	
A major Utilities Contractor	Advising on alliance/coalition agreements with National Grid.
A Community Interest Company	Advising on the contracts to alleviate fuel poverty.
A leading utilities infrastructure provider	Advising in connection with competition and negotiation relating to the adoption of gas network infrastructure serving a major East London site.
A UK owner and operation of the gas network	Advising on alliance agreements.

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The Public Sector and Government Sector

The Hammonds LLP Construction Engineering and Projects team acts for a wide range of clients in the public sector, including central and local government and regeneration bodies. We understand the particular requirements of working for such clients and the procurement processes involved.

PART OF A WIDER TEAM

We work to bring together expertise from property, public and private sector funding, commercial and corporate law, planning law, EU procurement, State Aid and tax solutions to our clients.

We understand and have extensive experience of the administration of public sector and government organisations. Often our public sector clients need the expertise of our wider team in order to ensure compliance with legislation and regulation.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE SECTOR

We advise on project and risk management, public procurement issues, development agreements and all aspects of construction documentation. We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the many different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

Our clients include the Homes and Communities Agency, a number of Regional Development Agencies, County Councils, District Councils, Borough Councils and Unitary Authorities (e.g. we are a legal panel member of the West Yorkshire Councils), Urban Regeneration Companies and other public sector organisations such as British Waterways.

EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

We advise in all areas of construction relevant to public sector and government organisations including regeneration, flood alleviation, highways and transportation, leisure, healthcare, education, environmental projects and housing using the full range of procurement structures from NEC3 to joint ventures and PFI/PPP.

TRAINING

We also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the sector. The training we provide ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance and resolution. We also provide training in the bespoke forms of contract used in the sector, including, for example, the NEC3 form of contract.

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RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Regeneration	
A Regional Development Agency	Acting on several major projects in East London including the formation of a complicated tiered framework panel for remediation and demolition, the construction of two underground tunnels for the purposes of undergrounding overhead cables, together with several other infrastructure and construction projects.
Various Regional Development Agencies and related Urban Regeneration Companies	Advising on bespoke developments designed to revitalise town and city centres including arts projects, iconic bridges and urban design. Examples include the regeneration of Hull.
A Metropolitan Borough Council	Advising in relation to the development of various coalfield sites.
A City Council	Advising in relation to a general building framework contract.
Various Regional Development Agencies	Advising in relation to agreements with Network Rail regarding the expansion and development of various railway lines.
Projects	
A City Council	Advising on a street lighting PFI agreement including reviewing all documentation, due diligence, sub-contractor and finance package.
A District Council	Advising on a social housing PFI project.
Dispute Resolution	
A Borough Council	Dispute relating to the construction of A5334 under an ICE contract with amendments.
A County Council	Dispute relating to the construction of the A34 Cheadle Bypass.
A Borough Council	Dispute relating to railway construction.
A Metropolitan Borough Council	Acting in relation to Lands Tribunals and mining subsidence.

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Regeneration

The Hammonds LLP Construction Engineering and Projects team has built up a considerable reputation in the field of regeneration, illustrated by our acting for the Homes and Communities Agency, a number of the Regional Development Agencies, Urban Regeneration Companies, Local Authorities and private sector developers.

A FULL UNDERSTANDING

The breadth of our expertise means that we fully understand the different requirements of a regeneration project and can add significant value. An example of this is our role with OffPAT in drafting the full suite of construction precedent documentation then used by the different regeneration bodies on their individual projects.

PART OF A WIDER TEAM

We work within a wider multi-disciplinary team, bringing together expertise from property, public and private sector funding, commercial and corporate law, planning law, EU procurement, State Aid and tax to provide a seamless service to clients.

OUR EXPERTISE

- Advising on project and risk management;
- Advising on public procurement issues in conjunction with our EU procurement team;
- Assisting on the construction elements of Development Agreements, etc.;
- Preparing and negotiating the full suite of construction documentation including construction contracts, appointments, novations, sub-contract agreements, supply agreements, vesting agreements, performance bonds, parent company guarantees, collateral warranties, letters of intent and third party agreements;
- Where necessary, advising on dispute avoidance and resolution.

TRAINING

We also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the Regeneration Sector. The training we provide ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance/resolution. We also provide training in the bespoke forms of contract used in the sector, including, for example, the NEC3 form of contract.

“Hammonds’
very
knowledgeable
construction
team is highly
rated for its
advice on
regeneration.”
Legal 500, 2009

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
A Regional Development Agency	Acting on several major projects in East London including the formation of a complicated tiered framework panel for remediation and demolition, the construction of two underground tunnels for the purposes of undergrounding overhead cables, together with several other infrastructure and construction projects.
Various public sector organisations	Advising in relation to the development of various coalfield sites.
A Regional Development Agency	Advising on its keystone regeneration projects at Chatham Maritime and Rochester Riverside.
A Regional Development Agency	Advising in relation to the Chatterley Valley development
A Metropolitan Borough Council	Advising on a high profile arts project.
Various Regional Development Agencies and related Urban Regeneration Companies	Advising on bespoke developments designed to revitalise town and city centres including arts projects, iconic bridges and urban design. Examples include the regeneration of Hull.
Various Regional Development Agencies	Advising in relation to agreements with Network Rail regarding the expansion and development of various railway lines.
A Regional Development Agency	Advising in relation to the former IMI James Bridge copper works in Walsall.
A Borough Council	Advising in a dispute against a developer in relation to a remediation contract.

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Infrastructure

Efficient, integrated and reliable infrastructure is essential to support any national economy. Infrastructure is therefore a key concern of any Government worldwide. Billions of Dollars are being invested in infrastructure by Governments in the growing economies, often in partnership with the private sector. In the United Kingdom, the Government has recognised that decades of under-investment must be reversed.

Hammonds has a team of lawyers with unrivalled experience in this sector.

ESTABLISHED SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Our team advises in all areas related to infrastructure from planning, procurement, development agreements, construction, dispute avoidance/resolution, regulatory issues and the operation of infrastructure.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE SECTOR

We act for the full range of clients including national Governments, funders, project providers, suppliers, as well as owners and operators. This places us in a unique position with a thorough understanding of the risks, liabilities and obligations of all parties in the sector.

EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

We have advised numerous clients in relation to air, road, rail and ports projects and 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 our client.

TRAINING

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

“Hammonds seems to have discovered the holy grail of top quality advice at a reasonable cost.” Legal Week Client Satisfaction Report, 2009.

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
A major airport	Advised in relation to numerous matters including infrastructure development and maintenance, runway construction, procurement of major projects, regulatory and competition advice.
A design consortium	Advised in relation to alleged defects in the construction work for the development of the new Bangkok International Airport.

Road

An International contractor	Instructed in relation to an ICC Arbitration on the Doha expressway project in Qatar (seat Zurich).
The Homes and Communities Agency	Advised in relation to the funding and development of motorway infrastructure.
An Employer	Instructed on a dispute with the contractor, designer and project manager regarding the design and construction of improvements to a major motorway.

Ports

A port employer	Advised on the resolution of a dispute arising out of the design and construction of a ferry terminal on the east coast of England.
A port company	Instructed in connection with the planned extension of a port facility including the provision of strategic procurement advice.

Rail

A bidding consortium	Advising on the £500 million PFI to develop phase 3 of the Metrolink system in Manchester.
A leading developer of industrial and distribution facilities	Advising in relation to the DIRFT Railport at Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal.
A Rail Vehicle manufacturer	Advising in connection with its bid to supply and maintain new railway vehicles for the trans-Pennine franchise.
A Rail Vehicle manufacturer	Advising on the construction contracts for the upgrade of a number of depots throughout the UK.

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The Water Sector

Hammonds LLP 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 its 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 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 we 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.

“They don’t get lost in legal jargon - they just get to the point and deal with the issues” Legal Week Client Satisfaction Report, 2009.

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Asset Management Programmes (AMP)	
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).
Water Projects	
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.
Wastewater Projects	
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).
Contractors	
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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Property Development

Hammonds LLP is one of the largest and most respected construction, engineering and projects legal practices with offices throughout the UK, Europe and Asia. We act within the framework of a larger property development team and we can offer the full range of core and specialist services required to suit your business.

ESTABLISHED PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Our team has specialists who are experienced in advising upon procurement, corporate structure, contract choice, drafting and negotiation, project management and dispute avoidance of property development projects both in the UK and overseas. Our expertise means we can draft and negotiate contracts and advise throughout the lifecycle of the development from initial project conception, through building, extensions and modifications to demolition and remediation. We also recognise that sometimes disputes are unavoidable. Whether claimant or respondent, we can advise you on the many different forms of dispute resolution used in the industry.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Having experience of working for corporate occupiers, investors, property and healthcare developers, retailers, financiers 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 sector. Our clients include Manhattan Loft Corporation Limited, The Headcrown Group plc, Royal Mail, UK Coal, Quintain Estates and Development Plc, The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, Lloyds TSB, Henry Boot Developments Limited, Primary Asset Ltd, Osborn Securities Limited and Kimberley Developments plc, amongst others.

TRAINING

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

“Equally well regarded for its strengths in both contentious and non-contentious work, this balanced team is able to provide clients with a complete service on construction concerns”
Chambers and Partners, 2009

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
Property Developers	
A major property developer	Advising on the redevelopment of the grade 1 listed St Pancras Chambers, Kings Cross, London.
A major property development contractor	Advising on numerous development projects throughout the UK.
Property Financiers	
A major property financier	Advising in relation to numerous property developments throughout the UK.
Corporate Occupiers	
A major logistics company	Advising in relation to numerous new build warehouse and office developments.
Property Investors	
A property development and investment company	Advising in relation to a number of hotel projects throughout the UK.
Healthcare Developers	
A primary healthcare developer	Advising in relation to numerous projects throughout the UK.

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