

Ports: our key legal services summarised

Port ownership and transactions

- Ownership and governance models
- Management buyouts
- Privatisations/commercialisation
- Public/private sector collaboration
- Mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures
- Due diligence
- Institutional/private equity
- IPOs
- Debt facilities
- Management/operating agreements
- Public procurement

Development and exploitation

- Strategy and master plans
- Feasibility studies
- Financing port infrastructure
- Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) applications and orders
- Public inquiries
- Planning policy and regulation
- Operational land and GDO powers
- MMO licensing
- Asset exploitation for alternative uses
- Renewable energy
- Project management
- Stakeholder consultation
- Use of port and terminal facilities
- Customer contracts and concessions
- Real estate acquisition and management

Environment

- EU Habitats and Birds Directives
- Marine Conservation Zones
- Environmental impact assessment
- Habitat development, management and monitoring agreements
- Environmental mitigation and compensation
- Legislative and policy change programmes
- Water Framework Directive
- Dredging protocols
- Land reclamation
- Marine planning
- Port environment management

Harbour legislation and powers

- Establishment of port and harbour authorities
- Preparation and promotion of harbour legislation
- Harbour revision/empowerment orders
- Powers and duties
- Harbour dues and charges
- Public inquiries
- Judicial review
- Competent harbour authorities
- International conventions

Operational safety, risk and compliance

- Port Marine Safety Code
- Labour relations
- Dock Regulations
- Harbour byelaws
- Port security/ISPS
- Pollution control
- Navigation and wreck removal
- Dredging
- Pilotage
- Vessel traffic management