

We have a market-leading public and regulatory law team that advises public bodies and private organisations on regulatory, disciplinary and public law matters.



With lawyers in our offices in London, Brussels and Manchester, we aim to offer you practical, innovative and cost-effective legal solutions.

Our team of specialist lawyers provides advice focusing on specific sectors including health and social care, sport, finance, law, property, education and police.

We work with regulatory bodies, commercial businesses, government organisations and public inquiries. We defend and bring judicial review claims on behalf of our diverse client base.

Our team has pan-European expertise. In particular, we advise a number of significant international businesses on EU regulatory law and potential challenges to the introduction of new EU legislation.

In addition, we have a team of leading experts in the field who investigate and prosecute disciplinary or fitness to practise allegations for public sector regulators – and who have defended those facing such proceedings. Our team also offers a number of highly regarded training programmes to those operating within the regulated sector.

The workings of a key in a lock are complex and hidden from view. You don't always need to see exactly what's going on to know that a team is effective and works well.





Since the Romans' amazing discovery, magnifying glasses have been used in countless endeavours, from studying cells to gazing at stars. Sometimes, it's only by scrutinising details that you can search out the most appropriate solution.

Specialist public sector lawyers providing practical advice.

Statutory legal frameworks and organisational structures within the public sector are subject to continual changes. The public sector faces ongoing pressure to improve services, demonstrate value for money and make efficiency savings. Regulatory bodies, in particular, are coming under more scrutiny and are required to be publicly accountable and fair at all times.

Public sector bodies need lawyers who can work with them across a breadth of legal disciplines to help them deliver cost effective solutions to legal and commercial issues. Our knowledge of government and regulatory bodies can also be invaluable for private sector businesses who increasingly interact with the public sector and must reflect their values.

Our experience of working with regulators and other public bodies enables us to offer practical, timely solutions - often working alongside in-house legal teams - to provide you with the benefit of our comparative sector expertise.

Our work with regulators means we understand the frameworks that public sector organisations must operate within, the pressures they are under, and the political context. We are renowned for providing advice in a friendly, practical and commercial manner.

Our service.

We offer a comprehensive service to our clients whether advisory or in relation to adversarial proceedings. We are well practised in drafting and interpreting legislation, procedures and regulations, including Royal Charters. Our team includes advocates experienced in a wide range of courts and tribunals.

Further information about our expertise and experience is detailed in our supplementary literature and includes:

- advice on vires, governance and statutory interpretation
- rule drafting and obtaining primary and secondary legislation
- regulatory audits
- advising on and challenging EU measures and their implementation / introduction
- assessing internal procedures and risk
- training on managing risk, law, procedures and investigation
- public and private investigations and inquiries
- bringing and defending legal challenges and judicial review
- preparation and prosecution of regulatory and professional disciplinary cases
- criminal and quasi-criminal investigations
- accounting / disclosing to regulators and super-regulators
- advising on internal appeal mechanisms and complaints procedures
- acting as legal advisers or assessors to adjudicating panels

from the first iteration of the zip to the one we know today. There are times when commercial success depends on perseverance and dedication to bring things together.



Padlocks have been used in various forms by civilisations throughout our history. There are times when everyone needs a little extra security they know they can trust.



Dedicated, specialist and friendly team.

Not only are we dedicated to public and regulatory law, we are also committed to providing you with clear, practical and commercial advice.

Our friendly, personal style enables us to build a strong relationship with you and our solicitors pride themselves on being accessible and easy for you to talk to.

Our team is spread between our London, Brussels and Manchester offices enabling us to offer a specialist service across both the UK and before the EU courts.

Our lawyers have specialist skills, including drafting legislation or disciplinary rules and procedures, acting as advocates, acting in judicial review and appeals, sitting as legal advisers and chairmen of tribunals, preparing cases for presentation or acting in public inquiries and inquests.

Our culture means we are transparent about costs, available at all times and fully understand the difficulties public bodies face on an everyday basis.

We regularly second our lawyers to work within client teams, either to assist on more complex projects or matters, to help establish in-house legal teams or provide support for them.

Clients regularly praise our commercial understanding and co-ordinated approach and, for us, what our clients think is what really matters.

About us.

Field Fisher Waterhouse is more than just a full-service European law firm specialising in providing commercial solutions for all industries and sectors. It's our ability to embrace change and to navigate and capitalise on the changing market that makes us different.

Clients choose to work with us because we can provide exceptional lawyers with industry expertise and strong commercial knowledge of their businesses. They value our flexible approach to teamwork and that we will shape our structures and way of working to meet their specific needs.

This commercial attitude, combined with our empowering and down-to-earth style, means you can trust us to provide you with the best possible legal solutions.

Galileo and Newton are just two of the enquiring minds who have been instrumental in the development of the telescope. Being empowered by a passion to see further and know more leads to the most inspirational achievements.



