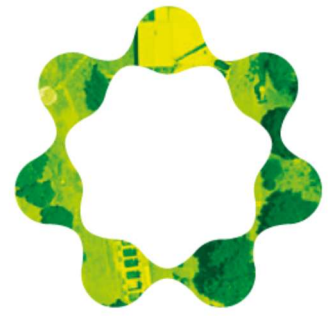
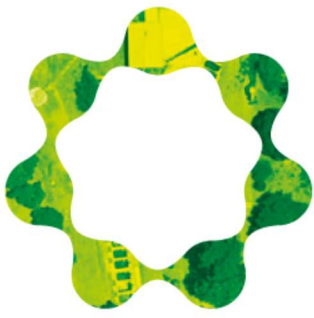


An Introduction to Cleantech Cadre

An aerial photograph of a water treatment plant. The image is dominated by several large, circular, light-colored tanks arranged in a cluster. To the right, there are long, rectangular industrial buildings and various pieces of machinery. The surrounding area includes green fields and some trees. The entire image has a green and yellow color overlay.

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Introducing Cleantech Cadre

Specialist environmental, climate change, planning and cleantech development legal support for law firms

Cleantech Cadre is a sector focussed boutique law firm, true experts in environmental, climate change and planning law. We provide innovative, strategic solutions to help our clients deploy cleantech projects, manage risk and environmental liabilities and accelerate the growth of younger ventures.

Cleantech Cadre lawyers have been passionate about this sector for a long time, during which we have developed some deep relationships with clients. We have listened to what clients need and how they want to receive their specialist legal support.

Our independence means that we work particularly well with law firms who do not have experts in our field or who need extra support. Your client remains your client. Because of the niche nature of our practice, we will never try to push in on or take over a client relationship.

Helping you win and keep clients

With our deep understanding of the cleantech/clean energy sectors and environmental, climate change and planning laws, we can be a valuable addition to your pitch team for a new client or a new deal for an existing client. We are available to support you on any project requiring a “full service” law firm.

We are happy to discuss white-labelling our advice, or being represented as part of your team*. We will follow your lead on any client-specific fee deals or arrangements.

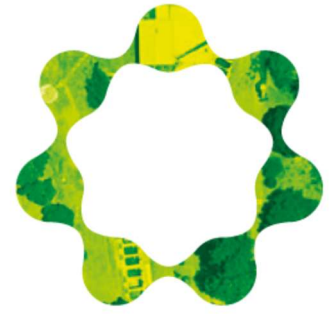
Spun out of Simmons & Simmons, and with top City-firm training and experience, our lawyers are accustomed to giving household-name clients the highest level of service, protecting your reputation and ours.

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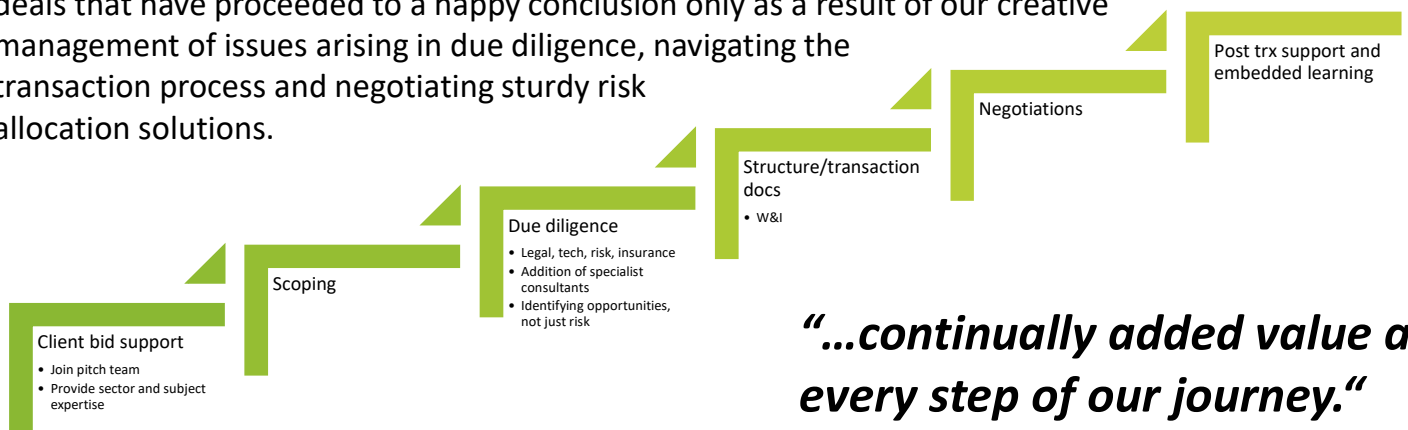


Transactions

A core part of our service is in providing specialist support to your corporate team on transactions. In this work we focus particularly on environmental liabilities (compliance, legacy contamination risk, etc), climate change, consenting and planning, H&S and ESG governance matters. We add particular value in the highly regulated sectors especially cleantech, energy, waste and deals involving 'dirty' sites and major production and processing installations.



For many transactions, covering EHS and related aspects is a straightforward hygiene factor - we don't make mountains out of molehills. But we have seen environmental issues threaten to de-rail a transaction, and this is when clients are delighted to have us on board. There are a number of deals that have proceeded to a happy conclusion only as a result of our creative management of issues arising in due diligence, navigating the transaction process and negotiating sturdy risk allocation solutions.



Transaction support often requires other disciplines, such as technical consultants – we know when the time is right to defer to other specialists and you will find our network second to none.

Greening the business | Greening the portfolio

It is now a necessity for companies to find ways of reducing the carbon footprint of their business and supply chains. This might be driven by competitive forces, internal policy or new legal standards. For example, meeting the energy efficiency requirements of CRC or its eventual successor, improving sustainability performance and meeting other carbon reduction commitments. In recent times many large companies, as well as public sector organisations, have made carbon zero or renewable energy commitments. Our team assisted the UK Government in developing solar projects across the public estate. We have the experience and specialist knowledge to assist your clients' usual corporate and finance advisors in implementing sustainable business strategies.

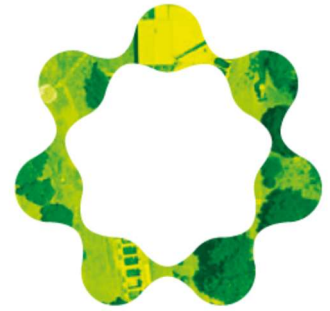
There is also an increasing appetite among investors and funds to green their portfolios. Green Bonds, Green Lending and Impact Investment are growing rapidly as energy infrastructure and projects are adapted to a low carbon future. With experience in defining green investment criteria, and an extensive network of innovative cleantech businesses seeking investors, we can help your clients tap into these exciting and transformative areas of finance.



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Regulatory compliance and standalone advice

Our regulatory compliance experience spans everything from day-to-day EHS, product safety and supply chain support to crisis management and criminal prosecution. This is a detailed field with complex and evolving legislative requirements and serious consequences. Brexit adds a new dimension to compliance. We work to avoid problems and to minimize risks, commercial and criminal liabilities and harm to reputation. We help clients manage these issues effectively when they do arise and, if all else fails, represent them robustly in proceedings.



**“They are responsive,
practical and easy to
deal with”**

Clients are often overseas companies importing product into the UK for the first time, or establishing or expanding operations here. We are well versed in translating complex regulatory issues in a way that is easy for non-UK clients to understand. We are known to and respected by regulators in the sector – we can help get your client’s relationship with the regulator off on the right foot.

Case study

The London office of a US-based law firm sought our assistance in a transaction involving the purchase of an oil & gas company with operations in the UK. The target company was previously involved in a landmark case which determined the interpretation of new legislation. We were asked to review the case and advise on any residual liability under environmental law that may be acquired by the new parent company. Our role was extended to cover general due diligence on environmental matters including advice on environmental permitting and the assessment of liability under existing and future leases. We delivered a commercially-focused report including options for reducing risk such as environmental insurance. We worked with the primary adviser’s corporate and real estate teams, following the fee arrangements already in place. The client was pleased to be offered seamless access to specialist advice on the recommendation of its usual lawyers.

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