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FOR CENTRAL
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SHARPE PRITCHARD
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Sharpe Pritchard acts for numerous central government departments, agencies and non-departmental public bodies on a wide range of major public sector projects and services.

Our understanding of the economic and political challenges facing governmental bodies makes Sharpe Pritchard uniquely placed to advise on the legal implications of major projects, achieving practical solutions and minimising risk.

We work with organisations across the UK and have been appointed as a Tier 1 Supplier to the CCS General Legal Services Panel Agreement (RM3786) as part of a consortium with three other law firms. The GLAS panel covers the supply of legal services and advice across 23 mandatory specialisms covering all the core areas of legal advice required by central government bodies.

Whether our clients are embarking on a major restructuring or technology procurement project, seeking economies via shared services or undergoing a major outsourcing or procurement, the solicitors in our projects team are known for their innovative approach.

We also support many organisations in all their real estate operations including planning law, construction projects and disputes through to a judicial review.

Our technology and data team advise on the full range of information law including the procurement of hardware and software, and in relation to data protection, GDPR, freedom of information and privacy.

As agencies become more innovative in designing new ways of working, it is vitally important to ensure that all activities are in line with employment law regulations, good corporate governance and human rights legislation.

Our lawyers participate fully in the Government Legal Department training programme. We regularly deliver lectures, webinars and run workshops on topics of interest to our central government clients.

RECENT WORK

“I wanted to send my personal thanks to all of you for your hard work, dedication and focus.”

Deputy Director, central government department

Sharpe Pritchard has recently provided advice and support to:

- an Executive Agency on the procurement of apprenticeship training provision resulting in the letting of over 600 contracts;
- a recently created statutory body on the operation and enforcement of a statutory code;
- a Central Government department on the procurement of its major tower-based IT outsourcing programme, Future ICT Sourcing (FITS);
- a conduct regulator on a cross-organisational programme to ensure relevant policy, process and procedure changes are implemented in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”); and
- a major English non-departmental public body carrying out all their Parliamentary work, including monitoring Parliament and advising on all types of legislation affecting them.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

“...they have a perfect pedigree..., there are none better. Their experience on public procurements in major infrastructure projects is really unparalleled...”

Head of Procurement, UK infrastructure project

“Everyone involved has done amazing things to get us to a place where these procurements have been able to be released to the committed and very demanding timeline. Thanks are due to all involved, ...shown unbelievable ownership and commitment above and beyond what could reasonably be expected. I am, and [the project] is, very grateful and indebted for your efforts – awesome and inspiring professionals – thank you.”

Construction Procurement Director, UK infrastructure project

“I’m sure this won’t be the last time I say this, but many thanks indeed for your continued support and advice throughout this exercise. It has been challenging, but we have been very pleased with your collective efforts, especially over the last couple of weeks with things escalating to an eventual agreement and the turnaround of final versions in such a short amount of time was very impressive.”

Senior Commercial Manager at a central government department

Our collective effort paid off via a high quality deal that protects [the client] and is fair to the [supplier] (and the savings figure is pretty sweet too). It has been a genuine pleasure to work with all of you. Not only did I learn a lot from each of you, but I also had a lot of fun! I am so proud to have been part of such a professional team and I hope we get to work together again.”

Deputy Director, central government department

“Sharpe Prichard provides the Houses of Parliament with high quality and outcome driven expert construction and commercial legal advice on some of our major strategic programmes and complex construction projects. Their lawyers have become an important part our Programme Teams as a result of their dedicated resource and much sought after expertise.”

Director, Parliamentary Procurement and Commercial Service, House of Parliament

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- Academies and free schools
- Commercial
- Construction
- Education
- Elections
- Employment
- General public law
- IT and information law
- Litigation and dispute resolution
- Parliamentary agents
- Planning, highways and environmental law
- PPP and PF2 projects
- Procurement
- Real estate
- Waste and energy

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