



Welcome to TSol

We provide a range of legal services for clients ranging from big Whitehall departments to much smaller public bodies and I hope we can be the best choice for you too.

Our objective is to offer high quality services at the right price. Normally we aim to do this with our in-house teams, who can draw on expertise across the Government Legal Service. But we also have extensive contacts with private sector legal firms primarily through Catalist which was jointly developed by TSol and OGC Buying Solutions.

We are committed to first class client care. The excellent results of our annual client satisfaction survey form a key measure of our performance.

I hope this brochure is a useful introduction to us. If you would like to know more, and explore how we can meet your needs, please get in touch.



Paul Jenkins

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Paul Jenkins

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The Treasury Solicitors is an Executive Agency within Government providing litigation and advisory legal services to over 180 Government Departments and other public bodies in England and Wales. We seek only to recover our actual operating costs and can therefore offer a comprehensive, client focussed and high quality legal service at a highly competitive rate.

We are one of the largest legal organisations in the United Kingdom, utilising the skills of over 800 dedicated employees, half of which are solicitors and barristers, to achieve an annual turnover of over £50 million. We act in more cases before the Court of Appeal and House of Lords than any other legal service provider. We are based in London for easy access to the higher Courts but we look after our clients' legal needs throughout the UK, Europe and across the globe.

Expertise

Our unique position within Government and our exclusively public sector client base means that we can deliver unrivalled understanding of public law issues. We provide legal services to the majority of the major Departments of State as well as many other bodies within the public sector. We handle a hugely diverse range of private and public law work, including:



- administrative law and judicial review
- alternative dispute resolution
- charities
- commercial litigation and dispute resolution
- company and regulatory litigation
- contracts
- employment advice and litigation
- European law
- human rights
- immigration advice and litigation
- information law
- intellectual property (including e-law)
- litigation costs
- personal injury
- property advice and litigation
- public inquiries
- public procurement

We produce information sheets detailing our experience in each of these areas – if the sheet you want is not in the pocket of this brochure you can obtain it from any of the contacts on the back page. In addition, we handle other specialist work, some of which is exclusive to specific Departments – the contacts on the back page can provide information and advice on any such requirements.

We aim to provide you with a one-stop shop service but not necessarily to do all your work in-house. We have in place competitive arrangements with private sector firms whom we can manage on your behalf.

Quality Service

Clients benefit from our high-quality staff, and our position at the heart of Government.

We offer both litigation and advisory services and the advisory side of the business provides a depth of expertise in both public and private law from which all our lawyers benefit.



This includes involvement in the drafting of primary and secondary legislation, a highly specialised area of work of which there is little experience outside Government, and advising Ministers and senior officials. Our lawyers are also supported by the wider network of lawyers across Whitehall and are actively involved, often in a co-ordinating role, in groups of Government lawyers dealing with a wide range of subjects, including human rights, EU law, employment, procurement and data protection and freedom of information.

All our lawyers are recruited to the high standards applied across the Government Legal Service (GLS). We are an accredited Investor in People and have well established training and development procedures. These procedures support our lawyers in achieving the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements of their professional bodies.

All of this is underpinned by our extensive knowledge base: our unrivalled public sector experience; our first class legal library; the GLS Intranet; and our liaison role within the GLS and Government as a whole.

TSol Litigation and Employment Group has been awarded the Lexel quality mark. Lexel is the Law Society's practice management quality mark awarded to organisations consistently delivering excellent legal services and the highest management and customer care standards.

Organisation

Paul Jenkins, the Treasury Solicitor, is the Head of the Government Legal Service (GLS) which includes the in-house legal teams of over 40 Government Departments and public bodies. We have the largest contingent of GLS lawyers, and we also maintain close contact with other GLS Teams.



Our internal structure has evolved to meet clients' needs and will continue to do so. Our various operational areas work closely with one another to provide a uniquely well informed legal service to the public sector.

Litigation and Employment Group

One of the top litigation practices in the country with over 400 lawyers and administrative staff dealing with over 20,000 cases a year. These range from cases with a high public or political profile to more routine matters. There is a mix of public and private law, employment and commercial contract matters. Within this group is our non-contentious Commercial Team which delivers expert advice and assistance in procurement, intellectual property and a wide range of general commercial issues.

Cabinet Office and Central Advisory Division

A Team of 20 advisory lawyers providing legal advice to the Cabinet Office and a range of smaller Government Departments and public bodies. The work they do for the Cabinet Office includes key public sector management issues, providing our lawyers with a wealth of expertise to inform advice to other Departments. The Division's work also includes advising on legislation and a variety of other legal issues for a wide range of smaller departments.

European Division

A team of 14 lawyers coordinating the Government's European litigation and supporting the Prime Minister and Cabinet Office on European legal issues generally. The Division has a key role in providing expert advice, guidance and training to other lawyers in TSol and throughout Government.

Advisory Teams

Around 100 lawyers co-located with three major Departments of State, providing them with a fully comprehensive in-house legal advisory service:

Culture, Media and Sport

Advisory Division – recent work includes advice on the Wembley Project, the Lottery, and London's bid to hold the 2012 Olympic Games, as well as general employment law advice and more specialist assistance in the areas of alcohol licensing and gambling.



Children, Schools and Advisory – providing advice on a key area for the Government, seeing through the Education Bill, tackling the difficult issues affecting local education authorities and setting up the first ever City academies.

Treasury Legal Advisers – providing in-house legal services to the Treasury and a number of other bodies including the Royal Mint, and National Savings. Seeing through the implementation of legislation, recently including the Financial Services and Markets Act, introduction of measures to prevent money laundering and the freezing of terrorist assets.



Office of Government Commerce – OGC Legal is an advisory team of 7 lawyers who provide legal advice and support to the Office of Government Commerce in their drive to improve efficiency in the wider public sector. In particular it deals with public procurement, contracts, various EC matters (including implementing and negotiating directives), shared services and FOI.

Key Contacts

Any of our contacts will be happy to help you:



Litigation work

Hugh Giles

Acting Director General of
Litigation & Employment Group

☎ 020 7210 3428



Advisory work

Peter Fish

Head of Cabinet Office
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General legal queries

Simon Harker

Head of Division

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Any other queries

Valerie Cain

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Our Headquarters

Our headquarters (OKS) is just off Kingsway, near to the Royal Courts of Justice, and to Holborn, Covent Garden and Temple Underground Stations

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