



Although we are perceived as a small niche specialist practice we do in fact offer a fairly wide range of specialist services in the field of environmental, minerals, waste, planning, road transport, health & safety and food hygiene law with emphasis on the regulatory side.

Road Transport:

We act for all types of businesses involved in road haulage including own account operators, coach operators, mobile crane operators, skip operators, heavy hauliers, showmen and general hauliers. We cover operator licensing, the defence of all road traffic related prosecutions, tachograph legislation, and Customs & Excise related offences (including rebated fuel).

Health & Safety:

We advise all industry sectors (including the property sector on asbestos) on the legislative requirements of health & safety law. We handle all manner of regulatory issues involving prosecutions and other enforcement action brought by the Health & Safety Executive. Areas of work undertaken also include health and safety legal audits, accidents in the workplace, training and the legal aspects of health and safety management.

Environmental:

We act for petrochemical, agrichemical and manufacturing companies, agricultural, waste disposal and skip sectors. We advise on all manner of regulatory issues including prosecutions and other enforcement action brought by the Environment Agency, DEFRA and other authorities. The areas of work undertaken cover a wide range of environmental issues including waste management, licensing and exemptions, noise nuisance, nuisance and pollution of controlled waters.

Minerals:

We act for landowners and mineral operators in relation to mineral extraction deals from initial negotiations for 'Heads of Agreement' and the drafting of exploration licences, options, leases, warranties, indemnities as well as related advice on the overall transaction.

Planning:

We provide general planning, highways and public law advice and we undertake appeals including informal hearings and public inquiries advocacy. We advise on compulsory purchase, land compensation and Lands Tribunal references.



Food hygiene:

We advise on both civil liability and enforcement issues in relation to the food manufacturing and retail industry. This also dovetails with my road transport, environmental and health and safety work where there are related issues.

Other areas covered by DSL:

Other areas covered by Partners and Consultants at DSL include renewable energy projects, redevelopment of 'brownfield' sites and the contaminated land regime, environmental warranties and liabilities and IPPC.

DSL Consultants:

DSL has developed strong links with consultants in all its core areas of work. Regular monthly meetings take place with such consultants who are able to offer DSL clients technical, practical and educational advice and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information.

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