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PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL

Acuity Law

INSTINCTIVELY COMMERCIAL

Acuity Law is a top ranked law firm offering a business to business legal service throughout the UK. The firm was founded by ex-city lawyers and has offices in London, Cardiff, Swansea and UAE.

Acuity Law is a new style “law company” with a market leading team of professionals, who support clients in a proactive and commercial manner from a technology-based platform.

The firm’s culture is reflected in the quality of service to clients and the speed and precision with which the Acuity Law team gives advice. Acuity Law is proud to have a growing portfolio of fantastic clients and one that is built on long-standing relationships.

The firm’s recent accolades include The Times Best Law Firms of the Year 2020, Law Firm of the Year 2020 at Wales Legal Awards and Law Firm of the Year (Wales) at the Legal 500 Awards.

Planning & Environmental

PRACTICE AREA EXPERTISE

With the UK planning system constantly evolving and increasingly diverging in its approach between the regions and the requirements of businesses to adhere to stricter environmental laws, the need for planning & environmental expertise has never been more important.

As a highly experienced national team of planning & environmental experts, we have a proven track record in advising businesses on all aspects of contentious and non-contentious issues relating to UK planning and environmental law. Acuity Law's Planning and Environment experts are ranked as Tier 2 in Legal 500.

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PRACTICE AREA EXPERTISE

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (IN ENGLAND AND WALES)

- Planning Enforcement
- Certificates of Lawful Use or Development
- Planning Agreements (e.g. Section 106, Drainage & Highways)
- Infrastructure Projects
- Judicial & Statutory Reviews
- Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas
- Localism including Neighbourhood Planning & Assets of Community Value
- Planning Appeals (Including Cost Recovery)
- Urban Regeneration
- Strategic Planning Advice
- Community Infrastructure Levy Advice
- Development Plan Issues
- Rights of Way (Private & Public)
- Common Land and Town & Village Greens

ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY

- Environmental Liabilities
- Environmental Judicial Reviews and Prosecutions
- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Climate Change Governance and Reporting
- Managing Contaminated Land
- Asbestos
- Producer responsibility obligations
- Health & Safety
- Pollution Controls
- Waste Management
- Water & Sewerage
- Community Engagement
- Policy advice on changes to environmental regulation
- Training on environmental obligations

Planning & Environmental Team

MEET OUR EXPERTS

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Accolades & Testimonials

WORDS FROM OUR CLIENTS

CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS

"The team at Acuity is solutions-focused & extremely collaborative. They provide sound, pragmatic advice that relates to our business, they always go the extra mile."

Chambers UK - 2022 Edition

The LEGAL 500

"Clearly the culture of Acuity is about people, both customers and also internally within the organistion. It's easy to see that this comes from the top of the organisation."

The Legal 500 UK— 2022 EDITION

Expertise

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTISE

- Arranged successful applications to the Secretary of State (Defra) to deregister common land and provide exchange land and carry out works on common land, facilitating construction of Grove Northern Relief Road, and allocated housing developments
- Successful application (opposed by the Open Spaces Society and Natural England) to the Secretary of State (Defra) to carry out works on common land in Wimborne, Dorset facilitating significant new housing development for Gleeson Developments Limited
- Leading Appeal Court case confirming the Secretary of State cannot call-in a planning appeal after an appeal decision has been issued
- Successful judicial review of decision to grant planning permission to a “swim with dolphins” facility off the coast of Anguilla, BWI
- Successful challenge to development where the developer had failed to serve proper notice on third party landowners
- Successful judicial review of a decision by the Council to register housing development land as a Town or Village Green to prevent development

Our Services

FULL SERVICE COMMERCIAL LAW FIRM

22 PARTNERS | 100 STAFF | ESTABLISHED 1999

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Banking & Finance
- Commercial & Technology
- Competition, Regulatory & Trade
- Corporate
- Creative Industries
- Data Privacy & Cyber Security
- Employment & HR
- Financial Regulation & Compliance
- Health & Safety
- Intellectual Property
- International
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Planning & Environmental
- Real Estate & Construction
- Real Estate Finance

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