

# ENVIRONMENTAL & PLANNING LAW

Considering environmental issues at an early stage of transaction planning is essential to save time, money and nerves. **Given the current European and global emphasis on green initiatives and reduction of carbon emissions, the provisions of environmental law play an increasingly important role** in corporate acquisitions, as well as in the planning and implementation of energy and infrastructure projects, project development and commercial and industrial plant permitting, and are crucial for the rapid and efficient implementation of projects.

The multitude of national and European laws as well as the many regulations contained in various different laws makes it increasingly difficult to obtain a clear and comprehensive picture of the legal requirements. Through their years of experience in this field, **our environmental law specialists are ideally equipped to filter out and handle the relevant questions; leading your project to success.**

## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

### Environmental Impact Assessments

- Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)
- EIA determination and complaint procedures

### Business Plant Law

- Procedures for obtaining general and special plant permits
- "Blocking procedures" in connection with plant permits
- Procedures to determine health risks in connection with plant permits

### Zoning Law

- Achieving or preventing decisions under zoning law
- Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)
- SEA determination procedures
- Advising on "encroaching residential areas" and on nature conservation interests as part of the zoning process

### Water Law

- Flood protection and hydropower projects
- Subsidies for flood protection, hydropower and infrastructure projects

### Nature Conservation

- Nature Impact Assessments (NIA)
- NIA determination and complaint procedures (also involving the EU Commission)
- Defining projects as "within or outside local areas"
- Assessing projects in accordance with nature conservation law

### Construction Law

- Construction procedures; especially in connection with EIA or plant permit procedures
- Structuring procedures, e.g. with respect to the legal implications of monument conservation

### Waste Law

- Plant permits and approval procedures for waste plants
- Issues regarding the remediation of contaminated sites

### Forestry Law

- Procedures for achieving clearing permits
- Presentation of public interests

### Expropriation Proceedings

- Expropriation proceedings and reassessment procedures
- Property evaluation

### Monument Conservation

- Exemption procedures
- Preventing legal protection

### Highways and Roads Regulations

### Railway Construction Law

### Aviation Infrastructure Law

### Energy & High Voltage Transmission Law



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