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As a full service international law practice, Hill Dickinson offers a comprehensive range of legal services that add value to our clients' varied needs.

With over 150 partners and more than 1,100 people, we operate from offices in Liverpool, Manchester, London, Chester, Piraeus and Singapore.

We are a major force in insurance and well respected in the corporate and commercial arena. Our marine expertise is internationally renowned and we have an award-winning property practice. We are widely regarded as a leader in the fields of commercial litigation, professional risk, employment, intellectual property, healthcare law, clinical negligence and wealth management.

Our clients include multi-national companies, major corporations and UK plcs, insurance companies, UK and foreign banks and financial institutions as well as professional bodies, public sector organisations and private individuals.

Working with the press

Hill Dickinson can provide the media with expert comment (written or broadcast) on issues ranging from employment law to shipping disasters, NHS issues to mental health reforms and on all aspects of company and commercial law.

As a multi-disciplined practice we have senior people working across seven main practice groups:

- company and commercial
- employment and pensions
- insurance
- health services
- marine, trade and energy
- professional risk
- property and construction

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Company and commercial

The commercial team advises on all manner of business arrangements including PFI/PPP schemes, licence and distribution agreements, franchising and agency agreements and trading terms and conditions.

It provides advice on complex transactions, often with a cross-border perspective, taking into account financial, regulatory and market considerations. The team combines expertise from the intellectual property, employment, pensions and real estate groups to meet clients' everyday trading requirements.



Employment and pensions

The leading team of specialist employment lawyers provides expert counsel and representation to both employers and employees across the full spectrum of employment issues including unfair dismissal, discrimination, pensions, TUPE and human rights.

Whether it is a business transaction, or defending or prosecuting a case before a court or employment tribunal, the team's commerciality and flexibility are directed to suit clients' business needs.

Insurance

Hill Dickinson has one of the largest insurance practices of its kind in the UK. The insurance team has developed a range of expertise, niche services and innovative products designed to minimise risk and protect business across all market sectors.

Key specialist areas include personal injury, industrial disease, social services including abuse and education, employer and public liability, environmental, regulatory and health and safety prosecutions.

The team has also pioneered developments in niche areas and has developed bespoke solutions for the retail, public sector, travel and leisure and transport sectors. One Liability Services is widely recognised as one of the UK's leading lawyer-led claims solutions with pioneering enhancements including a disaster management, rehabilitation and intervention solution.



Health services

Hill Dickinson is a long-standing provider of legal services to the health sector. With specialists in all areas of healthcare law, ranging from inquests to procurement and property, to criminal matters, the firm offers practical, timely advice and a proactive response to all matters leading to early resolution and a reduction in legal costs.

The team has particular expertise in offering energy services to the public sector involving Combined Heat and Power (CHP) technology, and is a long-standing provider of legal services to the NHS.

Hill Dickinson has worked on 13 energy services projects involving CHP technology, more than any other law firm, and is unparalleled in offering an established and nationally recognised team dedicated to energy services projects involving CHP technology. Hill Dickinson also acts on behalf of over 75 NHS Trusts in the North West of England, covering Cumbria, Staffordshire, Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Merseyside regions.

Hill Dickinson is an appointed member of the following panels:

- NHSLA clinical negligence panel
- NHSLA EL/PL panel
- HPC and LPP panels - the UK's largest healthcare procurement organisations representing over 130 NHS bodies in the Midlands and London area

Clients include:

- Private healthcare sector
- Healthcare regulatory sector
- Foundation Trusts
- Primary Care Trusts
- NHS Trusts
- Local Health Boards



Marine, trade and energy

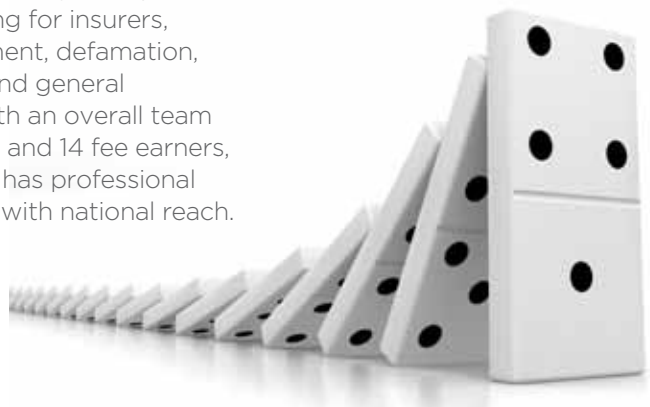
Hill Dickinson's marine practice - with experts in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Piraeus and Singapore - is widely recognised as one of the UK leaders in this field. The practice is made up of three highly reputable teams - yacht, shipping and cargo and freight.

Each team works closely with an international network of maritime lawyers, marine surveyors, investigators and loss adjusters. Partners are on hand to attend casualties, completions and other urgent situations, with 24/7 availability as required.

Professional risk

Recognised as a leading firm in the professional indemnity market, the professional risks team provides advice to both traditional and emerging professions.

Areas of specialism include: professional liability, coverage disputes, policy drafting, disciplinary and regulatory, claims handling for insurers, risk management, defamation, commercial and general insurance. With an overall team of 10 partners and 14 fee earners, Hill Dickinson has professional risk expertise with national reach.





Property and construction

Hill Dickinson has one of the largest and most respected property and construction practices in the country. The team of specialist lawyers operates out of all four of our UK offices and deal with properties throughout England and Wales.

The property and construction team provides a comprehensive range of property-related services. This clearly includes the acquisition and sale of properties and related leasing issues.

Hill Dickinson also acts for lenders and borrowers on matters from funding and site assembly through to providing advice on development and the management of investment properties. Services also include the acquisition, disposal, restructuring, refinancing and management of whole property portfolios.

There are also specialist teams dealing with construction, property litigation and planning, and many of the specialist lawyers are recognised as national leaders in their fields.

As a front-runner in all property related disciplines - both contentious and non-contentious - Hill Dickinson is renowned for handling high-profile, complex deals with particular expertise in areas such as retail, leisure, health, transport, charities, utilities and the public sector.

For further information regarding Hill Dickinson's areas of expertise, people and history, please visit www.hilldickinson.com

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