

*We don't believe in law as usual
For us, law is inspiring...*

Our story

A number of years ago, we decided that we could change the way legal services are delivered. That we could do them better. At gunnercooke, we believe the potential of our clients and our people rests with our ability to free the law and make it work as it should. Today, we attract passionate lawyers and advise with authority: every gunnercooke lawyer has a minimum 10,000 hours practising experience.

Flexibility, transparency and freedom guide everything we do. Flexibility for our people to work how they want. Transparency of cost for our clients because we removed time recordings and billable hours. Freedom for our people and clients to achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

We work with clients that believe tradition is there to be tested, not obeyed. Working together, we help them seek opportunities and push the boundaries of what's possible.

Providing a suite of corporate and commercial legal services, gunnercooke is one of the UK's fastest-growing challenger brands. Proud of what we have achieved, committed to doing more.



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Overview

What he's best at:

Ammar is a regulated procurement specialist with over 14 years' experience of major public and utilities sector projects, including the award of complex high-value contracts, the creation and operation of PPPs and the establishment of pan-government framework agreements. His sector experience covers energy, water, construction, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, transport, defence, waste and information technology. In addition to acting for central government departments and local authorities, Ammar also has extensive experience of advising bidders

and government contractors on all financial, reputational, legal and implementation risks of working with the public sector.

Experience highlights

At McKinsey:

- Advising the firm's global public sector practice on all areas of legal, financial, implementation and reputational risk arising from McKinsey's work for governments, multilaterals, and third sector organisations
- Advising on the procurement processes of over fifty countries and a range of multi-lateral organisations, including in relation to UN, ECB, EBRD, European Commission, Islamic Development Bank and World Bank funded projects
- Assisting the Firm with responding to public sector RFPs, and navigating local law requirements applicable to government contractors and foreign businesses
- Advising on specific issues arising from over a hundred Firm engagements, including information sharing and other antitrust issues, insider trading and disclosure of material non-public information, managing conflicts of interest, and protection of intellectual property

At Simmons & Simmons:

- Advising the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (as was) on the establishment of the Energy Technologies Institute, a £1 billion public-private partnership
 - Advising Transport for London in relation to the Congestion Charging Scheme, the Low Emission Zone, the introduction of tag & beacon technology, and a number of other complex high-value contracts
 - Advising the Ministry of Defence on the procurement, State aid and other EU law issues relating to a number of large PPP/PFI projects, including the DERA/QinetiQ PPP and its subsequent flotation, the Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft project, the Military Flying Training Systems project, the Future Defence Supply Chain Initiative project, and the Defence Training Review
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Publications:

- The article, "When damages are not enough", published in Construction Law 2004 15 (9) 26-28, and described as "prescient" by Deeny J in Federal Security Services Limited v Chief Constable for the Police Service of Northern Ireland [2009] NICH 3 (High Court of Northern Ireland, judgment handed down on 25 February 2009)
- The procurement and EU law sections to the "England and Wales" chapter in the book A Practical Guide to PPP in Europe, published by City and Financial 2008
- The "Defence" chapter in the book Public-Private Partnerships: A Practical Analysis, published by Globe Law and Business 2006
- The procurement section of the "Defence" chapter of the Butterworths PFI Manual