

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:

Tim specialises in public procurement and major projects.

Described by one of the directories as a "procurement heavyweight" he provides clear, practical advice on all aspects of

procurement (both contentious and non-contentious) including the design of the procurement strategy for the most complex programmes and projects; the choice of appropriate selection and award criteria; competitive dialogue; concessions; establishing multi-user/multi-supplier framework agreements, and on the practical application of the Treaty principles of



transparency and equal treatment etc. and has extensive experience of shaping new, innovative procurement programmes that secure maximum flexibility for the clients.

Tim applies his experience as a former senior lawyer and senior civil servant in HM Government to help public sector clients achieve effective, robust, value-for-money contractual relationships (including outsourcing) and to help bidders improve their chances of success.

Testimonials

"...highly innovative, able to use his legal expertise to solve problems rather than create them...pragmatic and clear thinking" a Chief Strategy Officer.

Clients:

- Central and local government
- Healthcare providers and commissioners
- Bidders, Providers and Suppliers (from global corporations to SMEs and third sector providers)

Experience highlights

- Lead lawyer for HM Government on the £1.3billion PFI programme for the new headquarters for **GCHQ**;
- Advising Eurostar in major High Court litigation concerning the Utilities Regulations (Alstom Transport -v- Eurostar International Limited (1) and Siemens plc [2011] EWHC 1828 Ch.)
- Advising the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) on its complex, multi-billion pound
 procurement for the decommissioning of Dounrey nuclear power station;
- Programme Board Member for HM Government's **Information Assurance Programme Board**;
- Senior User and lead lawyer on the project to establish the multi-user/multi-provider/multilot framework agreement for legal services to Whitehall Departments and agencies ('L-CAT).
- Advising the NHS in Wales on the procurement and contract management implications of Brexit;
- Representing HM Government in international Treaty collaborations in the IT sector.
- Advising local authorities and Partnerships for Schools on numerous Building Schools for the Future (BSF) projects;

Publications:

- 'Power In Procurement' (Heywood, T. and Lonsdale, C. (2012) PPP Journal)
- Visiting Lecturer, (Procurement and Commissioning) University of Birmingham Business School; Institute of Local Government (INLOGOV) and the Health Service Management Centre.