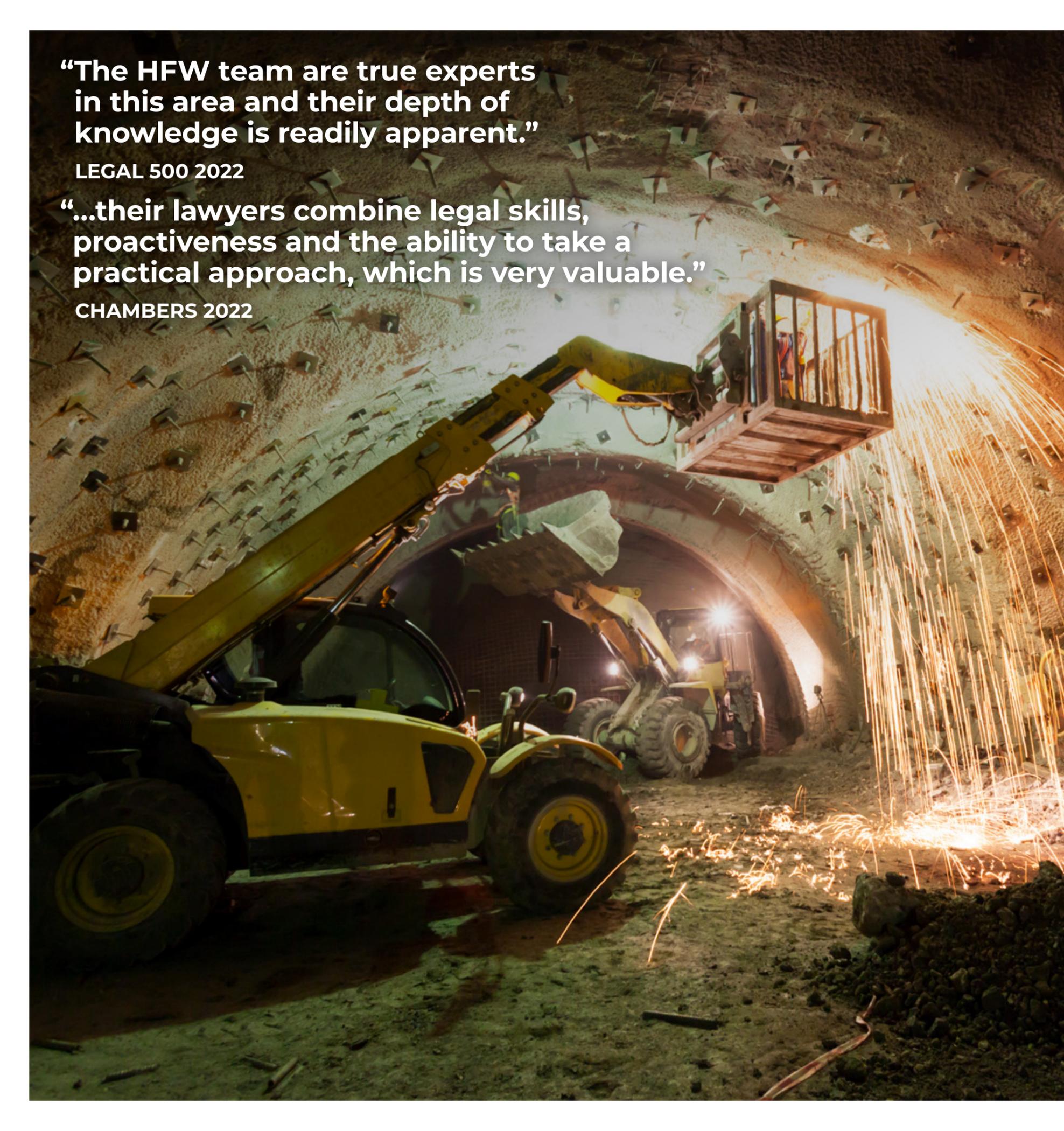


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WHY CHOOSE HFW?
CONSTRUCTION IN SCOTLAND



“The HFW team are true experts in this area and their depth of knowledge is readily apparent.”

LEGAL 500 2022

“...their lawyers combine legal skills, proactiveness and the ability to take a practical approach, which is very valuable.”

CHAMBERS 2022

HFW has considerable experience advising clients on major construction projects, including a number of high profile matters in Scotland, across a range of sectors.

Our expertise is particularly focused on heavy engineering and infrastructure projects, as well as offshore wind and renewables.

The team's main focus is large international projects, acting for a range of clients on some of the largest and most complex matters and disputes across the globe.

Our construction expertise falls into three main areas:

- **Procurement.** We draft and negotiate the full range of project documentation, as well as advising on all commercial, contract and tendering strategies, public procurement and compliance issues.
- **On-going project advice.** We advise on projects during the delivery stage, helping with the commercial and contractual issues that arise. This can involve our lawyers working on site, within project teams, during the construction phase.
- **Disputes.** We have considerable experience of international arbitration, litigation, DAB, adjudication and mediation.

“In what was an extremely difficult and time-consuming case, their consistently good approach was of enormous assistance.”

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS UK, 2022

Our Experience

Transport Infrastructure

We act for clients on infrastructure projects in Scotland and throughout the world, including rail, metro and tram projects. Our work involves station redevelopments, track construction and rolling stock. Recent experience includes procurement advice on a US\$1 billion European rail electrification project. We have also acted for clients on a number of long span bridge projects throughout the world, including in Scotland and elsewhere in the UK.

Offshore Wind

We have advised on offshore wind projects around the world, including 70% of the wind farms off the shores of the UK. We advise on contract negotiation and disputes. We have recently acted on disputes in relation to the world's largest offshore wind project in the North Sea, and separately, on an innovative offshore windfarm in Scottish waters, built to trial next generation technology.

Civil and Structural Engineering

We have been instructed on a number of high profile civil and structural engineering projects in Scotland. We have acted on an £8m dispute in the Court of Session regarding claimed defects at a major medical facility in Scotland. We have also advised on cladding issues affecting various Scottish social housing developments. We have extensive experience – in Scotland and around the world – on tunnelling projects, including groundworks, geotechnical issues, ground conditions and TBM procurement. We have also negotiated and drafted EPC Contracts and specialist civils subcontracts for various energy from waste projects.

Heavy Engineering

Our team has in-depth knowledge and strong experience of high value and technically complex heavy engineering and infrastructure projects around the world. Recent experience in Scotland includes advising on EPC contracts for ports and terminals projects and energy from waste facilities.

Renewables

In addition to offshore wind, we are well versed in renewables projects, such as hydro. We recently acted for a major contractor on one of the largest and most technically complex disputes before the Scottish Courts, regarding collapse of part of a tunnel at a hydroelectric plant in Scotland. Other recent instructions include advising on the EPC contracts for PV plants, and drafting and advising on contractual documentation for development and roll out of lead crystal battery storage technology.

Sub-sea Cables

We have significant experience of sub-sea cable contracts, including major interconnector projects. Our experience means we have valuable insights into the risks involved with the sub-sea cable projects and how best to manage those risks in the contracts. Recent experience includes advising on a cable package for a major offshore wind farm in Scottish waters.

Marine Construction

HFW's sectoral expertise in Construction and Shipping means we are ideally placed to advise on marine construction projects. We recently advised on the EPC Contract for harbour expansion works at a major Scottish port. Other instructions concern delay and defects claims before a dispute adjudication board; advising on termination of a contract at a major international port; and providing legal advice, project support and drafting remedial works contracts following damage to a terminal from a vessel collision.

Oil and Gas and Decommissioning Projects

We act on offshore oil and gas projects across the globe. We have drafted decommissioning contracts, and have acted on disputes on decommissioning projects. We have recently advised on £15m claims arising from the decommissioning of 10 offshore oil & gas jackets and topside structures at an oil field in Scottish waters.



Scots qualified construction lawyers, with particular knowledge and experience in infrastructure, renewables, process plant and power projects in Scotland

130 YEARS

The firm has been in existence for over 130 years, making us one of the most established law firms in the world

600+

We have over 600 lawyers working across our 20 international offices

70%

The firm has acted for a variety of different companies on approximately 70% of the UK's offshore windfarm projects

Band 2

HFW's construction law team is ranked in Band 2 of the UK 2022 Legal 500

INNOVATION

Our specialist expertise means we provide tailored advice and resolve disputes innovatively and efficiently



“They have an enviable track record relating to offshore renewable projects and have been shown to have provided good advice on particularly complex matters.”

LEGAL 500 UK, 2022

Comprehensive Advice

We advise on a wide range of legal and contractual issues in relation to construction projects in Scotland.

Contract documentation

Our team regularly draft and negotiate the full range of project documentation, as well as advising on all commercial, contract and tendering strategies in Scotland. We are experienced with all forms of standard industry contract.

Project advice

We advise on projects during the delivery stage, helping with the commercial and contractual issues that arise. This involves advising both contractors and employers on contractual entitlements and mechanisms operating under contracts, such as notices, termination and extensions of time.

Dispute resolution

We have a particularly strong record of representing contractors, project sponsors and other construction participants in relation to major energy, infrastructure and heavy engineering disputes, and have acted in some of the highest value and technically complex construction and engineering disputes in Scotland.

Defects

Our experience includes managing high value defect claims arising from multiple offshore projects. We are particularly experienced at understanding how to investigate the cause of defects and the contractual liability arising.

Delay and disruption

We understand how projects can be delayed and disrupted and how entitlement arising need to be analysed and presented. We are extremely experienced at investigating, documenting and presenting claims arising from complex delay and disruption events.

Variations and change orders

We wrote the only specialist book on this key topic called *Construction Contract Variations*. We are the go-to advisors on variations and change orders and we understand the law on this area inside out.



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