

## Charles Ford

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London

### Biography

Described in *Legal 500* as 'superb at complex contracts', Charles Ford, advises governments, funders and developers addressing the infrastructure needs of the future.

Charles works on the development of PPP and regulatory based infrastructure models as well as acquisitions and disposals of infrastructure investments. In addition, Charles works on fund establishment and co-investments and alliancing in the sector.

Particular areas of recent focus for Charles have been mega transport projects as well as renewable energy projects, water and economically regulated infrastructure models.

### Representative experience

Managing the team advising the Department for Transport on the £2.7bn East Coast and the £2.4bn Great Western rolling stock projects.

Advising the consortium led by Infracapital Partners and Morgan Stanley on the £1.2bn acquisition of Affinity Water.

Advising Aéroports de Paris on its \$923m investment in TAV Airports and TAV Construction with airport holdings across the globe.



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Aviation

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,  
and Projects

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

Public Procurement

Investment Funds

Complex Contracting

Transportation

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### Industries

Advising on the establishment, LSE main market listing and seeding of John Laing Infrastructure Fund Limited and on numerous subsequent acquisitions.

Advising a number of infrastructure funds on whole fund exits including the sale of assets and the distribution of proceeds to investors.

Advising an investor on the Aus\$3bn New Royal Adelaide Hospital project in Australia.

Advising Aéroports de Paris on its involvement in the Zagreb airport PPP.

Advising Cross London Trains on the refinancing of the £3bn Thameslink trains project.

Advising an infrastructure investor on its participation in the Denver Fastracks PPP project.

Advising Infracapital Partners on its acquisition of a major stake in the Zephyr/Beaufort wind farm portfolio.

Advising Infracapital Partners on the £3bn public to private takeover of Kelda Group plc (Yorkshire Water).

Managing the team advising Cross London Trains on the refinancing of the £3bn Thameslink trains project

Advising the MLAs and EIB on the financing of four of the first round of UK offshore windfarm transmission projects with a combined capital value of £670m.

## Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells transaction named 'Deal of the Year' at the IJGlobal Europe Awards 2021
- News
  - UK Utilities regulation: a brave new world?
- News
  - Rail in Great Britain: it's time to engage
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector
- Hogan Lovells Publications

Aerospace and Defense

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Transport and Logistics

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## Areas of focus

Water

Rail

Automotive Regulatory

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.B., University of Southampton

LPC, The University of Law, London

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## Memberships

The Law Society

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- New COVID-19 UK Government guidance for construction contracts and PFI/PF2 specific guidance
- News
  - COVID-19 relief for UK government suppliers