

Rita Hunter

Partner

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Biography

Rita is a partner in our regulatory practice and Co-Head of the Sustainable Finance and Investment practice. She advises on UK and EU law and regulation with a particular focus on ESG regulation. She advises large corporates, banks, asset managers, private equity firms and insurers in connection with their regulatory obligations under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), Taxonomy Regulation, Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and FCA ESG Sourcebook.

Rita has wide-ranging experience in advising clients on the implications of ESG laws and regulations on large global corporates and financial institutions. She has extensive experience in relation to the EU's SFDR, Taxonomy Regulation and CSRD / ESRS requirements, and the UK's mandatory TCFD reporting requirements. She helps clients to understand and manage legal risks associated with their approach to complying with these laws and regulations.

Rita leads global ESG regulatory implementation projects and assists clients with making decisions regarding their ESG strategies and positioning. She also leads projects to assist clients to understand and implement often conflicting ESG regulatory developments and offers regulatory and policy horizon-scanning services to assist clients to remain up to date, particularly in relation to their cross-border regulatory obligations.



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Languages

English

Practices

Financial Services

Industries

Financial Institutions

Areas of focus

Sustainable Finance & Investment

Education and admissions

Education

Rita is a highly sought after participant in speaking engagements on a wide range of ESG and sustainability issues in the UK, EU and globally.

Representative experience

Advised clients across multiple sectors on the scope, applicability and implementation of the CSRD, including various U.S. listed and headquartered global companies.

Advised various clients on the CSRD ESRS requirements, including on the legal aspects of reporting, double materiality assessments and value chain considerations.

Advised multiple clients on their ESG reports and disclosures and reviewed for greenwashing risks.

Advised a global mining company on ESG developments and their applicability to, and implications on, the group.

Advised a global manufacturer on its EU-wide ESG compliance project, including on the EU Taxonomy Regulation and CSRD.

Advised various UK companies and asset managers on mandatory TCFD reporting requirements and reviewed disclosures.

Advised large global asset manager on its obligations under the SFDR and drafted pre-contractual and periodic disclosures.

Advised a major international bank on its ESG compliance framework, including on anti-greenwashing requirements.

Advised PE, infrastructure and real estate fund managers on the implementation of the SFDR and EU Taxonomy, and drafted pre-contractual and periodic annexes and entity-level disclosures.

Advised a major asset manager on its ESG reporting obligations in connection with SFDR, EU Taxonomy, and TCFD.

Bachelor of Laws, University of Technology, Sydney, 2005

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Court admissions

England and Wales

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Accolades

"Rita has an excellent understanding of the UK and EU regulatory matters. She is very responsive to the client's needs. She is a consummate professional."

Environmental, Social and Governance Risk, Chambers, Global 2024

"Rita Hunter is developing an impressive practice involving sustainability and ESG regulation."

Financial Services: Non-contentious/Regulatory Legal 500 UK, 2022

"Rita Hunter is honestly fantastic, she's well versed in environmental regulations and SFDR."

Environmental, Social and Governance Risk, Chambers, Global 2024

Advised UK asset managers on the FCA's SDR and investment labels regime, anti-greenwashing rule and TCFD product and entity reporting rules

Awards and rankings

- Notable Practitioner, Band 3, *Chambers, Global, Environmental, Social & Governance Risk, 2024*

Latest thinking and events

- Insights and Analysis
 - The UK FCA's anti-greenwashing rule: ignore it at your peril
- News
 - UK: King's Speech 2024: Key takeaways for financial services
- News
 - UK / EU / International ESG Regulation monthly round-up – June 2024
- Insights and Analysis
 - UK Spotlight: calling all company directors – your legal obligations to consider nature-related risks
- News
 - UK / EU / International ESG Regulation Monthly Round-Up – May 2024
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 - UK / EU / International ESG Regulation Monthly Round-Up – April 2024