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"Excellent" The Legal 500 2022

An *"insightful and steely streetfighter"* with over 20 years' experience, Christiaan is ranked as a Leading Junior in Tier 1 and was shortlisted for Planning Junior of the Year by The Legal 500 2022.

Christiaan is an Infrastructure (including DCO), Planning and Heritage, Compulsory Purchase, Environment, Energy, and Tax lawyer practicing in multiple jurisdictions, namely England, Wales, Jersey and Hong Kong. Christiaan also advises on these areas within the Transport, Construction, Commercial, Inquiries, Judicial Review, and Investigations, Regulatory and Disciplinary, Administrative and Public, and Information and Media spheres.

Christiaan has represented an impressive range of clients, such as Exxon Mobil, BP, Swift Energy, Bouygues, Stanstead Airport, The Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural Resources Wales, HMRC, developers including housebuilders such as Bellway, a number of well-known Retail giants, local authorities such as The City of Westminster and Uttlesford District Council, and government agencies.

As an Infrastructure Barrister Christiaan has significant expertise in DCOs, their promotion and regulation, advising the Examining Authority and Secretaries of State, objecting to them, at Hearings and the Courts.

As a Planning, Environment and Energy Barrister Christiaan has considerable experience in all development and regulatory matters..

As a Tax Barrister, Christiaan's expertise encompasses development and environment-related Taxes including CIL, VAT, Landfill Tax, and Aggregate and Climate Change Levies.

Christiaan's practice includes the following areas of expertise:

- Planning and Property
- Environment
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Construction
- Administrative and Public
- Inquiries and investigations
- Commercial
- Regulatory and Disciplinary
- Information and Media

Areas of expertise

- Art and Cultural Property
 - Aviation and Aerospace
 - Compulsory Purchase and Compensation
 - Development Consent Orders and Infrastructure
 - High Court Planning Challenges
 - Highways, Footpaths and Rights of Way
 - Planning Policy Making
 - Planning Applications
 - Planning Appeals, Hearings and Inquiries
 - Planning Enforcement
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Biomass and Energy from Waste
 - Electricity
 - Nuclear Energy
 - Oil and Gas
 - Renewables
 - Water
- Environment

Environment

"Christiaan gives very commercial advice" (Head of Property, Wolseley Group)

Christiaan is a commercial environmental lawyer, having a comprehensive practice in environmental law, policy and regulation, both on a domestic and international scale. He acts for clients such as the Environment Agency, OfGem, Exxon Mobil, Alcatel Aluminium, Jersey Gas, Jersey Electricity plc, the Wolseley Group, Spirit Energy, Shui Wing Steel, and local authorities including London Borough of Greenwich, Uttlesford District Council, and Bath and North East Somerset Council on a wide range of environmental matters and their regulation.

Christiaan is well versed in the importance to businesses, developers, and government of properly identifying environmental issues and their scope, environmental liabilities, assessing short, medium, long-term and residual risk, and forward planning for and mitigating of such risks, to enable them to achieve their objectives.

Christiaan's scope of expertise includes environmental transactions, residual liabilities, consenting and environmental permitting, and environmental litigation (including avoiding litigation). He is an expert in issues involving contamination, nitrates, waste, water, air, biodiversity and habitats, climate change, environmental assessments, environmental enforcement, nuclear and radiation matters, nuisances, and environmental taxes including aggregates levy and landfill taxes.

Christiaan's breadth of understanding and experience and joined-up thinking means that he provides a one-stop shop service to clients.

Recommendations

- "Christiaan consistently delivers KC quality at Junior rates"
- "Really insightful"
- "A streetfighter ... goes through brick walls for clients"
- "Thinks outside of the box to secure the client's objective"
- "Always packs a punch and our clients love him"

Qualifications

- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, Scholarship Inner Temple
- CPE, City University
- RIBA Part III, & double first in Architecture, Newcastle University

Memberships

- CPA
- SCL
- NIPA
- PEBA
- UKELA
- TECBAR
- COMBAR

Appointments

Appointed to the Attorney General's (Treasury) B panel in March 2010

Appointed to the Attorney General's (Treasury) C panel in March 2004

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