



climate change a complete legal service

our recent transactions

- Advised a Korean carbon off setting company on entry to the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Registry, the formation of a UK corporate entity and on the sale of emissions reductions in the UK.
- Advised Biomass Industrial Crops Limited, the largest producer of Miscanthus in Europe, on a fundraising and investment round and various commercial contract arrangements.
- Advised Econergy Limited, a leading provider of biomass heating equipment, on the investment by Centrica plc into the company.
- Advised a company engaged in high altitude wind capture on a fundraising and investment round.
- Advised on a joint venture for a wind farm including arrangements for leasing, construction and sale of energy to the grid.
- Advising a tidal turbine company on investment and other commercial opportunities and intellectual property protection.
- Advising an electric motor company on investment and other commercial opportunities and intellectual property protection.
- Advised a number of shareholders on the investment of funds into Ceramic Fuel Cells plc.
- Advised a FTSE 250 company on compliance with the Carbon Reduction Commitment.
- Advised a large hotel chain on compliance with the Carbon Reduction Commitment.
- Advised on the formation of the charity Low Carbon West Oxford.
- Advised on the formation of the industrial and provident West Oxford Community Action and its associated share offering to the general public and the business community.
- Provided commercial advice to a manufacturer of wind turbine blades.
- Acted for a large listed German company with substantial international operations on the acquisition of an energy management and carbon consultancy business.
- Acted for the shareholders of Climate Care, one of the largest carbon off setting companies in the world, on the sale of the group to JP Morgan.
- Acted for the management team on the acquisition of Seacourt one of the leading waterless offset printers in the world.
- Acting for the shareholders of Biojoule Limited, a renewable energy company, on issues relating to business structure.
- Acted for a large listed German company with substantial international operations on its investment in a company seeking to research, develop and commercialise opportunities in the climate change sector including renewable energy, energy management and green and clean technology.

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- Acted on the formation, first round investment and subsequent investment rounds of Evolve Energy Limited, an energy management company.
- Acted on the formation, first round and subsequent investment rounds of a solar energy company which started as a spin out from a leading university.
- Advised Intelligent Sustainable Energy Limited, a university spin-out with a novel smart meter, on first round investment.
- Advised C-Wave, a wave power company, on raising first round investment.
- Acted on the acquisition of several energy management companies including Ashdown Control Systems Limited, Nobb & Jones Limited and Envision Energy Limited.
- Acting for several local authorities on a number of flagship regeneration schemes in which sustainability in the method of construction was a key objective.
- Advising one of the country's leading suppliers of renewable timber (for whom sustainability and awareness of the issue is a benchmark by which its suppliers are measured) in relation to its standard terms of supply and sub-contracting on a wide range of projects.
- Advised Newsfax International on their renewables strategy as part of their relocation to new premises following the purchase of their premises by the London Development Agency for use in the 2012 Olympic Park.
- Advising a waste recycler in Slough in seeking permission for the use of the basis that waste recycling (as endorsed by the government) is a very special circumstance to permit development in the Green belt.
- Advising on numerous green travel plans for large commercial entities in the context of s106 agreements.
- Advised a leading energy management company in relation to terms upon which they were undertaking work on a major refurbishment of a world-class hotel in central London.
- Acting for a renewable energy start-up technology company in relation to a directors duties claim and shareholder dispute. Understanding the background to the dispute and the aims of the business going forward enabled us to give pro-active commercial as well as legal advice to enable the parties to seek to reach a pragmatic resolution to the dispute.
- Acting for an energy management company in a substantial multi-million pound claim from an acquisition involving, in particular, questions relating to the nature of the business, including the adequacy of energy management services provided and accuracy of monitoring, measurement and reporting equipment.
- Acting for a company which organises conferences in the US and Europe for cleantech companies in relation to trademark registrations, passing off claims and unfair competition issues in the UK and Europe.
- Advised the Climate Care Group on several large scale carbons off set agreements with household names.
- Advised an energy management company on a wide range of contractual matters including licensing and distribution arrangements and bespoke commercial contracts.
- Advised a smart metering company of intellectual property strategy, protection and licensing. Advised a leading ecological and carbon impact consultancy on the protection and licensing of intellectual property.
- Advising a tidal wave energy company on intellectual property strategy, protection and licensing.
- Advised on the development contract and subsequent protection and licences of a carbon calculator.
- We investigated a charity apparently purchasing carbon credits and putting them beyond use and reported them to the Charity Commission on the basis of conflict of interest and lack of independent trustees.
- Development of precedent Green Leases for commercial landlords.
- Advised on the incorporation of Winchester Action for Climate Change.
- Advised on the setting up of a charity to purchase carbon credits, putting them beyond use. In particular we helped the client ensure the requirement for the trustees to be independent was fulfilled.

- Advise a number of landowners on forward harvesting contracts for biocrops.
- Refinancing on behalf of AIB in respect of loans to Closed Loop Recycling Limited.
- Advised on a proposed wind farm development.
- Advising in connection with a new major waste and incinerator development in the Channel Islands.

our recent activities

- Blake Laphorn continue to sponsor the Business Commitment to the Environment Awards. These are the longest running environmental business awards. This year the awards take place in London on 1 July 2009.
- Blake Laphorn continues to run green breakfasts in the firm's Oxford office. These provide an opportunity for networking over a bacon buttie before hearing a short presentation from a speaker on a climate change related issue followed by a lively Q&A session. Past speakers have included OXFAM, Brita Water, Mike Mason (the founder of Climate Care), Best Foot Forward, Oxfordshire County Council and the Carbon Trust. For further information about forthcoming breakfasts and to register your interest please email: climatechangeinfo@bllaw.co.uk.
- Nicola McConville, head of the Climate Change team has been elected a council member of the Oxfordshire Chamber of Commerce to advise on climate change related issues for local businesses.
- Kathryn Gore, a senior solicitor in our Construction team, has become a committee member of the Sustainable Construction Network.
- Nicola McConville, head of the Climate Change team, recently spoke at the AGM of Association of Fleet Car Operators in the southern region on the impact of climate change on the transport industry. Her talk attracted media coverage in Business Car magazine. She has now been asked also to address the AGM for the Association of Fleet Car Operators in London.
- Blake Laphorn has been involved with the Smart Metering Focus Group set up by Intellect, the UK trade association of the IT, telecoms and electronics industries.
- Nicola McConville, head of the Climate Change team, has been asked to speak about the business opportunity presented by climate change at an event organised by the Turnaround Management Association.
- Nicola McConville, head of the Climate Change team, has been appointed to the Climate Change Steering Group of Intellect, the national trade body for the IT, telecoms and electronic industry.
- David Evans, a senior solicitor and mediator in our Construction team, is Chair of Constructing Excellence which has a focus on sustainable construction in Oxfordshire.
- Blake Laphorn is delighted to be working with Science Oxford on their 'Clean and Green' programme of events aimed at raising awareness of climate change, climate change mitigation and climate variability across the education, consumer and business communities.

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