

> WHY SEMPLE FRASER?

What is it about Semple Fraser that attracts so many high profile clients and continues to keep them here, year after year?

The simple answer is they like our style. They recognise the value of a firm that can offer the services of some of the most experienced and respected commercial lawyers in the country, yet is still ambitious and hungry enough to make sure complacency never gets in the way of true client commitment. They appreciate the added value of the way we work as a team on every project, bringing together the combined talents of all groups throughout the firm in a unified effort, dedicated to delivering the best possible commercial outcome for our clients.

And perhaps most of all, they see the sense of our decision to focus our service offerings specifically on the areas that matter to them most in the day-to-day operation of their business. In this way, we can concentrate all our resources on providing a level and depth of specialist expertise in each of these key areas which we believe no other law firm in Scotland can match.

Clients also appreciate our commitment to innovation, demonstrated by the development of our Clarisys system of digital filing. This system gives Semple Fraser clients with a number of projects on the go, the unique advantage of being able to access real time information on the status of any job at any time as well as sophisticated financial intelligence.

With a genuine UK-wide service, one third of our lawyers are either dual qualified or English qualified and advise our clients and organisations throughout the UK as well as other parts of the European Community. It all adds up to a distinctive choice that continues to reap considerable commercial rewards for our existing clients – and a distinctive alternative that could make all the difference to you.

Other Semple Fraser service areas:

- Banking & Finance
- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Property
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- Corporate Recovery & Insolvency
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Environmental Justice & Public Regulation of Development
EU Law vs. Domestic Law vs. International Law
Freedom of Information
Green Taxation
Human Rights in Environmental Matters
Industrial Regulation
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Litigation & Appeals in Environmental Cases
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Noise Pollution & other Nuisance
Waste inc. Hazardous, Biomass, Landfill, Incineration
Water Pollution & Water Quality issues

« Vincent and his specialist team were there for us in our time of need ... their navigation through the maze of contamination / pollution legislation was indispensable. »

Raymond McCandlish, Managing Director, MCA Homes Limited

« Three things impressed us most about Semple Fraser's environment team: first was the sheer range and depth of their specialist knowledge, yet with the ability always to see the broader picture, and how all these complicated legal strands intersected; secondly their ability to use EU law as a proper legal weapon, forcing regulatory U-turns; and finally their determination and tenacity on our behalf - having them on your side is like having a (well-trained) Rottweiler at your disposal. »

Mary Turner, J&M Turner farming partnership, Campbeltown

« The excellent work of Vincent Brown and his team of specialists has led to a victory and the result means we can continue production and sales. »

Andrew McNair, Managing Director, OSS Group

› PROTECTING YOUR INTERESTS IN CHANGING TIMES

As in the other 26 member states of the EU, environmental law in the UK is governed almost entirely by European Union legislation and rulings in the European Court of Justice. Constantly evolving, the sheer weight and complexity of this legislation exposes virtually every type of business to a minefield of increasingly dense regulation with the ever present risk of heavy penalties for non-compliance waiting at every turn.

Expert advice in this area is therefore essential, and there is no law firm in Scotland better qualified to offer guidance on the implications for your business of EU environmental legislation than Semple Fraser.

We are the only Scottish law firm, for example, to be appointed to the panel of environmental law specialists retained by the European Commission. Indeed, much of our work comes directly from the Commission itself and we are active on transnational and EU advisory work from the Mediterranean to the Baltic for both EU institutions and multinational businesses.

Closer to home, we advise a diverse range of UK clients from high-risk industries such as petrochemicals, waste management and water. Depending on the individual needs of our clients, our expertise can be utilised in a flexible range of support services from entry-level environmental health checks and compliance modelling to a bespoke consultancy service on major investment projects.

Environment and pollution will become increasingly important issues in the years ahead. The raft of legislation already in place is only the beginning. That's why it's so important to get ready for the future by talking to the experts at Semple Fraser.

› TRACK RECORD

OSS Group

High profile victory in the Court of Appeal in London, successfully defeating the UK Government and the Environment Agency on a matter of European Union Law of fundamental importance across the whole of European industry - the notoriously difficult legal complications which have plagued and hampered the industrial manufacturing of secondary products from hazardous waste. Significance of the case increased by background of further ongoing development by the European Commission of the main Waste Directives in Brussels.

European Commission

Appointed by the European Commission to its panel of advisors in respect of specialist Environment Law services at EU level, and engaged in multiple contracts involving over 100 separate matters on their behalf in Eastern Europe.

Marathon Oil

Advised this Fortune 500 global listed company on international and EU environmental law associated with the options for management of produced water.

Kier Minerals Limited

Advised in relation to the environmental and transport aspects of an open cast coalmine, including the promulgation of a private Scottish Statutory Instrument.

WH Malcolm Limited

Advised in relation to EU and UK legal regulation of wastes.

URS Corporation

Advised senior URS European executives in respect of the applications of EU environmental protection and pollution laws in the context of EU enlargement in Eastern Europe.

London & Merchant Securities plc and Caledonian Properties

Retained as advisors in connection with the application to aspects of their property portfolio of EU laws on waste regulation and environmental protection.

Avecia International

Advised in connection with various contentious and non-contentious aspects of EU environmental legislation and European Court case law relative to the chemicals industry.

J&M Turner

Advised this farming/landowner client on multiple EU and domestic environmental law challenges in relation to an adverse public sewerage project, including EIA, Urban Waste Water, Habitats, and Marine Discharges.

WWF - UK

Assisted WWF with advice on marine issues and need for legislation in Scotland.

Shetland Oiltools (Shetland) Limited

Retained to advise this North Sea oil services operator on EU and UK legal regulation of offshore-generated wastes, processing, waste streams and international shipments of waste.