

Keith Davidson
Environmental Law Consultant

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Keith is top ranked for environmental law in the Chambers UK Guide and Legal 500.

He provides high level environmental support in corporate and property transactions, with particular expertise with contaminated land, asbestos and environmental insurance.

Keith started his career at Nabarro in London and spent five years at Eversheds before becoming partner at Cobbetts in 2012. In 2014 he headed the environment team at LexisNexis in London, drafting environmental precedents and toolkits for corporate and property lawyers. He was awarded the Legal Week Green Innovation and Business Green Leaders Award in recognition of his transactional work.

Experience

- BASF sale of the Seal Sands chemical plant in Teesside to Ineos
- Several acquisitions for Tradebe the UK's largest hazardous waste operator
- Evonik Degussa sale of former Laporte chemical sites
- MRH Group petrol filling station transactions with Esso, BP and Sainsburys
- EHS due diligence for the acquisition of a coal-fired power station in Wales
- Sale of Akcros Holdings Limited to Valtris Specialty Chemicals
- Acquisition of Veolia's non-hazardous waste operations for Bord na Mona
- Sale of One51 plc's waste division with 10 sites
- Homes and Communities Agency public land transfers
- Chevron sale of distributor business to GB Oils involving 120 filling stations
- Inland Homes plc redevelopment of National Grid former gasworks
- Part 2A contaminated land proceedings including BMW and Akzo Nobel sites
- The UK's first active transfer environmental insurance project
- Belfast Harbour Commissioners lease of BP oil terminal
- DB Schenker successful environmental dilapidations claim against Total

What others say

The "fantastic" Keith Davidson maintains an excellent practice. One client enthuses: "He often thinks outside the box, is forward-looking and innovative and happy to explore novel solutions to what might be established ways of doing things".

Chambers UK Guide – Band 1 North of England

"Numerous of these sites were environmentally challenged. Keith's approach and outstanding knowledge in the field made the impossible seem possible again".

Bernard Harvey, MD Evonik Degussa

Positions

Contaminated Land Steering Group CIWEM 2019 - present

Consulting Editorial Board LexisPSL Environment 2014 – present

Environment Commissioner for Greater Manchester 2009 – 2013