

Supporting your business

WHO WE ARE

Proelium Law was established in 2015 specifically to provide legal advice to clients who are specialists in defence and security, and to assist governments, businesses and NGOs with overseas interests in high risk and complex jurisdictions. Our legal expertise also extends to technology, cyber and digital protection, defence procurement, and litigation.

Whether you are in a business with services considered high risk, or manufacturing defence equipment in the UK, to assist you and your business we draw on our own past professional experiences of having worked in your industry sector in the UK and conflict zones, post-conflict reconstruction areas and frontier markets of the Middle East, Southern Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe.

If you are looking for that specialist, bespoke law firm, or are setting up in one of the industries we specialise in, talk to us first.

As experts with first-hand and often local knowledge, we will help you to set up, connect, build, grow and conduct your business in the UK or abroad safely, both within the confines of local laws and understanding the reach of international laws.

WE PROVIDE...

- ✚ Legal advice and assistance
- ✚ Specialist investigations
- ✚ Consultancy
- ✚ Notarial services

TO THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES

- ✚ Defence & Security
- ✚ Cyber, Digital & Data
- ✚ Technology & Manufacturing
- ✚ Extractives
- ✚ Government and NGO

LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

We support our clients by providing legal and business advice within their specialist industries, as well as assisting them to respond to inquiries and investigations, and preparing their cases for litigation.

We help UK-based clients to maintain compliance with the most current UK laws and regulations governing their commercial dealings with UK and global customers. Additionally, we help clients to grow their business by ensuring they have the right legal structures and processes to expand in the UK and abroad, supported by our partners in foreign jurisdictions.

We assist overseas clients entering into the UK by guiding them through complex areas of law and leveraging our extensive network of specialist partners to help bring their business into the UK market.

We provide legal advice in the following areas of law:

- + Corporate and commercial law
- + Public and international law
- + Criminal, regulatory and civil law
- + Defence procurement and import/export licencing
- + Litigation and litigation support
- + Employment law
- + Data protection law

To the following sectors:

- + Security
- + Defence
- + Extractives (oil, gas and mining)
- + NGOs/NGO and commercial – international development sector
- + Political risk and political violence insurers
- + Cyber security and data management industries
- + Manufacturers (of defence and security-related equipment) and
- + Private individuals

In addition to our legal services in the UK, we routinely deploy our lawyers to work in-country with local lawyers, consultants and advisors in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Lebanon, Kurdistan, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and other high complexity jurisdictions.



Cyber, digital and data Law

Whilst a commercial law firm specialising in high risk and complex jurisdictions is distinctive enough, we understand that the world is ever-evolving and have invested in the future. Therefore, we also provide specialist and expert advice in developing matters such as cryptocurrency, blockchain and big data.

We provide comprehensive solutions, advice on compliance and regulatory expertise in the legal aspects of operational and security matters relating to the use of data and data technology including:

- + Cross-border data flow requirements, including Privacy Shield, EU Binding Corporate Rules and other solutions
- + Cyber risk legal management
- + Compliance with data protection authorities and sector-specific regulators
- + Protecting competitive advantage.

EXAMPLES OF OUR LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WORK

- + Secured an ex-parte worldwide asset freezing order in the UK high court on behalf of a client engaged in protracted cross border litigation in UK and Afghanistan
- + Investigated and advised on a duty of care (negligence) issue to a major Private Security Company (PSC) in Afghanistan following death of contractors
- + Transformed a large Private Security Company from a number of separate companies into a Group structure
- + Working with a large Australian law firm, provided legal advice and extensive background due diligence to a UK owned Bosnian mining company prior to their initial public offering (listing) on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX)
- + Represented serving soldiers at courts martial
- + Provided litigation support and specialised investigative services to Lloyds of London political risk and political violence insurance syndicates resulting in significant savings and recovery of assets
- + Supported NGOs in registration and interaction with key government personnel in Iraq
- + Advised on and drafted contracts for manufacturers to help them enter the defence supply chain on favourable terms
- + Assisted British Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) manufacturers of precision military hardware to secure high value tenders
- + Made application for a Norwich Pharmacal Orders (NPO) to the High Court and subsequently obtained evidence of fraudulent transactions from a crypto currency exchange on behalf of a client who had been defrauded
- + Advised clients on requirements of Subject Access Requests under the Data Protection Act 2018
- + Advised specialist risk management companies on their methodology of evidence gathering in light of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit our website to find out more:

- + Check out our Legal Risk Map® for a free basic review of your organisations legal health;
- + Take a look at our Cryptocurrency Regulation Tracker; and
- + Have a browse through our Data Protection Regulation Tracker.



SPECIALIST INVESTIGATIONS

Whether establishing ground truth around the seizure of assets in war-torn countries or navigating the complexities of money laundering or complex frauds involving cryptocurrency or commodities, consider Proelium Law as your first call for the investigation of complex and specialist cases. Our capability comes from the skills of our lawyers, former law enforcement officers, intelligence and military specialist all with proven investigative experience from cross-border and financial crime to terrorist incidents to asset recovery.

The problems

The requirement for specialist investigations and information gathering skills is increasing. Police are unable to cope with the number of frauds and the electronic transfer of money is becoming easier leading to more opportunities to defraud.

Companies based in the UK have always dealt with emerging and conflict-affected markets and insuring their clients associated risks of moving money and assets around. The opportunity for nefarious activity is only increasing but with limited traditional government resources to tackle it.

Your options...

Increasingly companies are turning to law firms to investigate or recover their losses and assets to protect their position or find that elusive bit of information. Proelium Law offers exceptionally broad investigative and information gathering capability in both first world locations and more difficult countries to operate in ranging from numerous African states to Syria to South America to Asia.

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Conventional or highly specialised..

Cryptocurrency, is both revolutionary and an increasing threat. If you know where to look and how. It is used cleverly and increasingly in many frauds.

We understand investigating cryptocurrency frauds and doubtful transactions as well as understanding how to legally compel organisations to release the necessary data to establish the chain of evidence.

EXAMPLES OF OUR SPECIALIST INVESTIGATIONS WORK

- + Established ground truth and advised clients on a suspected €220 Million fraud
- + Established location and historical ownership of property-based assets stemming from problems during the period of the Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq where clarity was needed on the law and options available
- + Coordinated a multi partner multi-jurisdictional complex pre litigation fraud (stressed debt) investigation on behalf of Lloyds of London insurance syndicate
- + Located, secured and subsequently sold oil and gas equipment for London based insurance syndicate following a claim post invasion of ISIS in Northern Iraq
- + Represented a client accused of insurance fraud whilst working in a high risk environment and successfully removed the claim following explanation of the uniqueness of the clients role and its requirements.



...WE PERFORM IN HIGH RISK JURISDICTIONS, COMPLEX ENVIRONMENTS AND WITHIN THE UK.

DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

A significant network of investigative professionals whose specialisms are in operating in particularly difficult environments and jurisdictions.

HIGHEST LEVELS OF CONDUCT AND DISCRETION

Sensitivity of investigations and the need for discretion - even the existence of an investigation needs to be safeguarded.

EVIDENTIAL STANDARDS

Reports clearly distinguish between anecdotal information, intelligence and usable evidence for litigation.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL EXPERIENCE

We understand the intricacies - both legal and cultural - of investigations in not just the UK, but in the most difficult jurisdictions.

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

As the UK's foremost legal authority on high-risk jurisdictions and specialist risk services, our clients increasingly come to us for support that goes beyond traditional legal advice.

The background of Proelium Law's lawyers, partners, specialist consultants and global network of associates means we are regularly entrusted to deliver training, talks at conferences and capability and capacity development solutions in the following areas:

- + rule of law development;
- + law enforcement;
- + anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing;
- + finance contingency and exercise planning;
- + travel risk;
- + counter-terrorism; and
- + duty of care and mitigating risk.

Our aim is to support organisations and companies in their delivery around these areas meaning they do not need to have specialists sat round waiting for work. From discreet single specialism advice, through to large-scale project work, your Proelium team will devise expert solutions to match the challenge presented or in anticipation of the risk area you are about to enter.



EXAMPLES OF OUR CONSULTANCY SERVICES WORK

- + Contracted by a partner organisation to deliver mentoring and training to legal advisors of a foreign intelligence agency -
- + Provided guidance to a multi-national heavy plant manufacturer on foreign currency transactions
- + Provided project management support to an insuretech provider

SUPPORTING OUR ARMED FORCES

Proelium Law LLP is veteran owned and ran and we are committed to empowering today's veterans and encouraging tomorrow's professionals. As a progressive company, we support our armed forces specialists who recognise the importance of leadership, discipline and determination while seeking new and challenging roles.

Proelium Law LLP is a member of the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme and holds the silver award. We are committed to supporting the Armed Forces community. We offer our services through The Defence Discount Scheme which is a valuable and tangible part of the nation's recognition and appreciation of the Armed Forces Community. We are also signatories to the Armed Forces Covenant. Through the Covenant we work with other businesses with military links.





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