

# Bird & Bird

## *International communications group: satellites and space offering*

Since the 1980s we have been at the forefront of developments in international communications law, advising on some of the largest, most complex and ground breaking transactions and disputes the industry has seen.

Our international team comprises more than 120 lawyers across Europe, the Middle East and Asia and we are ranked in the top tier of Chambers Europe for Telecommunications. We also support clients on a wide range of complex communications projects in Africa.

In the satellite and space sector we have significant experience in:

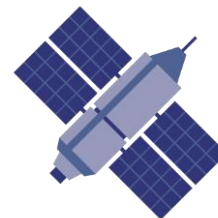
- Regulatory matters including:
  - Licensing – launch and landing prices
  - Market access, spectrum pricing and access
  - ITU matters (including filing, BIU)
  - UN treaty issues (space debris, liability, property rights, transfer of assets)
  - Unidroit Space Assets Protocol
  - WTO matters and the drafting of position papers, responses to consultations, standards and guidelines.
- Satellite finance including PPP, PFI and export finance

- IP, trademarks, patents, copyright
- Commercial space industry contracts
- Space insurance
- Outsourcing and general commercial contracts
- Corporate and M&A
- Financial restructuring
- Dispute resolution
- Competition
- Public procurement
- Broadcasting and media
- Export control and sanctions
- Applications such as ehealth, smart metering and oil and gas
- SME focus

*"They're the gold standard for an international technology business".*

*"Very responsive, very down to earth. There's no clear line where we end and they begin".*

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## Bird & Bird's Satellite Group

Bird & Bird's satellite group is unique: with the reputation of its key individuals; with its footprint of expertise; and through the group's genuine interest and knowledge of the sector over years working in-house, at regulators, in international institutions (EC, ESA, ITU, UN) and in private practice. We assist clients in areas including: regulatory advice; industry specific commercial contacts; competition; corporate; finance; dispute resolution; employment; and insurance.

Our international team comprises of expert lawyers across Europe, the Middle East and Asia offering clients a one-stop-shop at which to address the issues they face. We also have strong experience in Africa. It is part of Bird & Bird's world leading communications group, which also offers advice in related sectors such as: energy and utilities; life sciences; transport and maritime; aerospace, defence and security; aviation; financial services; and healthcare. Bird & Bird also benefit from a team focussed on SMEs and the needs of start-ups.

## Recognised in the market



Top ranked in a client satisfaction survey (Nisus Consulting)



Best Firm for Client Service at the FT Innovative Lawyers Awards for our Virtual General Counsel initiative. Legal Innovator of the Year - Joanne Wheeler



A founding member of the Satellite Finance Network

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