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For a Living Planet. Est 2012.

OUR MISSION, VISION & PURPOSE

Law for a world in *transition*.

A living planet. A just world.
Law that makes both possible.

Ecovation in Law.

STRATEGIC LEGAL COUNSEL
FOR SYSTEMIC TRANSITION.



FOR PEOPLE.

Advancing rights,
equity and wellbeing.



FOR PLANET.

Protecting ecosystems
for generations to come.



FOR PROSPERITY.

Creating value
that endures.



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CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT • MAY 2026

Mission, Vision & Values.

The governing principles behind every mandate we accept.

Tradition + Innovation



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This document is the firm's constitutional document — the authoritative source of mission, vision, values, and professional foundation. It guides the decisions we make.

The world we are working *towards*.

*A world in which the rule of law protects people and planet alike —
where human societies and ecological systems co-evolve within the boundaries
that sustain both,
where ecological integrity is legally enforceable,
where rights are upheld across generations,
and where prosperity is built on foundations that endure.*

THE TRANSITION CONTEXT

*We operate at the most consequential legal inflection point of this generation.
Climate liability, biodiversity accountability, human rights due diligence, and
rights of nature are converging — not as isolated legal questions, but as an
integrated systemic challenge. These pressures rarely arrive one at a time.*

Our purpose.

OUR MISSION

To advance the rule of law as a *critical instrument for systemic transition* — protecting people, restoring ecological integrity, and creating lasting value for present and future generations.

FOR PEOPLE.

Advancing rights, equity and wellbeing for all — present and future generations.

FOR PLANET.

Protecting ecosystems and enabling ecological resilience for generations to come.

FOR PROSPERITY.

Creating long-term value through investment-grade, legally defensible and managed transition pathways.

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How we advance the mission.

Driving the rule of law — in partnership with science, policy, and communities — to help humanity navigate the challenges of the Anthropocene and build societies within planetary boundaries for present and future generations.

Our mandate is not compliance alone. It is transition. We act through eight integrated modes of action.

- 1 **HOLD TO ACCOUNT**
We help citizens, communities, and organisations hold governments and polluters accountable — through a critical legal perspective applied with rigour and independence.
- 2 **ADVANCE RESPONSIBLE PRACTICE**
We advise NGOs, civil society, and businesses committed to the rule of law — translating compliance into genuine governance and accountability.
- 3 **STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE**
We support governments and regulators to design and deliver workable, legally defensible solutions to environmental and human rights challenges at every level.
- 4 **TURN COMMITMENTS INTO ACTION**
We engage in multi-level governance to translate international legal commitments into tangible progress at institutional and grassroots level.
- 5 **AMPLIFY WHAT MATTERS**
We bring a critical legal perspective to advocacy and policy processes — ensuring voices too often drowned out by powerful interests are heard.
- 6 **BUILD CAPACITY**
We support and advocate for judicial and specialist training in environmental and human rights law — because the rule of law is only as strong as those who uphold it.
- 7 **USE LITIGATION RESPONSIBLY**
We use litigation to hold companies and governments accountable when other efforts have failed — a last resort, exercised with precision and purpose.
- 8 **COLLABORATE FOR IMPACT**
We champion multidisciplinary collaboration and responsible public participation — because the most complex systemic challenges require the widest perspectives.

OUR ACTION

Driving the rule of law — in partnership with science, policy, and communities — to help humanity navigate the challenges of the Anthropocene and build societies within Planetary Boundaries for present and future generations.



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STATEMENT (PDF)**

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

*Law is a critical instrument
for building a just and living world.*

*We wield it — with expertise, independence,
responsibility and conviction —*

*for people, for planet, for **present**
and **future generations**.*

This firm was founded on the conviction that environmental and human rights law — the law most consequential for people and planet — should be genuinely accessible to those who need it most. Access to justice is the firm's founding purpose, expressed through every decision about structure, fees, and practice.

*The conversation about what this world owes to its people,
its ecosystems, and its future is not concluded. It is, in many
of its most important dimensions, barely begun. Living
Law® exists to be part of how it is resolved.*

The ethical bedrock on which *everything rests*.

These values operate within — and are reinforced by — the professional framework within which we practise. Professional obligation is not a constraint on our mission. It is its expression.

I	ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS Living Law® is regulated by the Law Society of Scotland. Our professional codes of conduct are not guidelines to be weighed against commercial interests — they are obligations which we take seriously as the foundation of any legal advice worth giving.
II	DUTIES TO THE COURT We have duties to courts and tribunals that are independent of our duties to clients. We act with candour before every forum. We do not mislead.
III	THE POWER OF CHOICE As solicitors, we retain the right to choose who we represent and on what matters. We exercise that right in alignment with our values and professional obligations — while recognising that the role of a lawyer is to advise, not to judge. We do not represent interests fundamentally incompatible with the protection of people and planet.
IV	THE COURAGE OF PRACTICE Environmental and human rights law requires a willingness to bring difficult, contested, and unpopular matters before courts and tribunals when it is right to do so.
V	LEADERSHIP BEYOND COMPLIANCE Helping shape the future duties of institutions through leadership in climate governance, biodiversity integrity, and systemic legal transition. We contributed to the development of the Law Society of Scotland's guidance on climate change and actively advocate for equivalent ethical guidance on biodiversity. The law we practise today shapes the law that will govern tomorrow.

Ecovation in Law

*The integration of legal expertise with ecological intelligence, systems thinking, and strategic foresight — to deliver solutions that are not only **compliant**, but **regenerative, resilient, and future-defining**.*

Ecovation in Law is not a brand phrase. It is the description of how we think. Most legal advice treats law as a static instrument — a set of rules to be applied. We treat it as a dynamic system: a force that can be shaped, deployed, and evolved to produce outcomes that matter beyond the immediate mandate.

Our advice integrates legal rigour with an understanding of ecological systems, institutional dynamics, and the trajectory of regulatory development. We advise not only on what the law requires today, but on the legal and governance architecture needed for what is coming.

LEGAL RIGOUR

Technically precise, procedurally sound, professionally defensible in every forum and every jurisdiction.

ECOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE

Law that understands the systems it governs and is designed to work within them.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Positioning clients ahead of the regulatory change curve — not responding after the fact.



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The Living Law® Value Proposition

INTEGRATED LEGAL COUNSEL FOR A WORLD IN TRANSITION

Living Law helps organisations navigate complex legal, regulatory and ecological challenges to reduce risk, unlock opportunity and create enduring value for people, planet and prosperity.



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OUR COMMITMENT. YOUR OUTCOME.



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legally defensible transition pathways.

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Eleven operational principles.

Eleven values, grounded in Knowledge + Independence — active filters on every mandate we accept.

01 Integrity We do not tell clients only what they want to hear. Our advice is rigorous, honest, and legally defensible.	06 Humility Certainty where it exists. Clarity where it does not. The widest perspectives for the most complex problems.
02 Creativity We call this Ecovation in Law	07 Resolute We hold positions under pressure. We do not blink when the answer is inconvenient.
03 Partnership We work with clients, not at them. We bring expertise; clients bring context. The best outcomes emerge from genuine collaboration.	08 Dynamic We navigate with strategic agility — turning emerging risk into opportunity in real time.
04 Progressive Readiness for the rules coming, not only compliance with today's. Strategy must be anticipatory, investment-grade, and outcomes-first.	09 Pragmatic Not only a review — always a recommendation. Not a risk register — a response.
05 Accessible Expert advice without a corporate price tag. Cost-effective without quality compromise.	10 Flexible Tailored to your context, budget, and timeline. No standard playbook.
11 Knowledge + Independence — The Foundation Our independence is the guarantee of our integrity. No conflicts of interest. Knowledge + Independence is not the eleventh value — it is the ground on which the other ten stand.	

These principles are not aspirational. They are operational — active decision-making filters on every piece of work we accept, every position we hold, and every piece of advice we give.

Eleven values held in dynamic relationship — Knowledge + Independence at the centre, the other ten radiating outward. All eleven active on every mandate.





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Ecovation in Law.

The principles behind *Ecovation in Law.*

At Living Law®, our values are not aspirational statements. They are operational — active filters on every mandate we accept, every piece of advice we give, and every relationship we build. They sit alongside our professional codes of conduct, which we treat as obligations, not guidelines.

These eleven values, grounded in Knowledge + Independence, define how we practise law and why we practise it.

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We align legal foresight with ecological integrity to safeguard people, planet and prosperity.

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OUR ACTION

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Clarity. Collaboration. *Impact.*

1	Listen & Understand Your objectives, challenges, stakeholders and context — before any advice is framed.
2	Analyse & Assess The legal, regulatory and strategic landscape — risks, dependencies and options mapped against the whole system, not just the immediate question.
3	Strategise & Advise Clear, practical, legally defensible strategy tailored to your goals — not a generic position.
4	Implement & Support Through delivery, with ongoing guidance and practical tools your team can act on immediately.
5	Deliver & Evolve We measure impact, adapt, and continue to add long-term value as the regulatory landscape shifts.

One firm. One integrated approach. Clarity across complexity. Confidence in every recommendation.

Different perspectives. *Shared purpose.*

We work with the full range of actors navigating the legal transition. What they share is the recognition that legal clarity is not a cost of doing business in a transitioning system. It is the condition of surviving it.

CORPORATES & BUSINESSES

Your transition plan will be tested in a boardroom or a courtroom. We design legal strategies that hold under both.

GOVERNMENTS & PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Policy without legal depth will be challenged — from both sides. We design frameworks built to endure.

INVESTORS & FINANCE

Legal clarity is now a condition of long-term value. We structure positions that protect capital in a transitioning system.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Before the bodies that write the rules — with the credentials and jurisprudential depth to be there.

CIVIL SOCIETY & NGOS

Credibility is leverage. Law is how it is secured and enforced. Access to justice should not depend only on a budget.

COMMUNITIES & RIGHTS-HOLDERS

Where decisions have real-world consequence — and rights must be understood early, protected effectively, enforced where necessary.

Stronger outcomes for people, planet and prosperity — regardless of where our clients sit in this ecosystem.

Not asserted. *Demonstrated.*

The following are the verified professional and institutional recognitions on which the firm's practice in this field rests. We are guided by humility, cross-disciplinary working and commitment to continual professional development.

- **Law Society of Scotland — Regulated since 2012**
The professional and regulatory foundation of every mandate we accept. Our obligations to the court, to clients, and to the rule of law are governed by the Law Society of Scotland's codes of professional conduct, AML and accounts regulations.
- **Global 100 — Best Environmental Law Specialists UK • Multi-year**
Recognised by nomination across multiple award cycles for specialist environmental law practice in the United Kingdom. Additional industry recognitions are featured on our website.
- **Recognised Expert • Earth Jurisprudence, UN Harmony with Nature**
Contributing to the development of Earth-centred legal frameworks at international level.
- **Recognised Expert • Environmental Law**
Active engagement with the institutions and processes shaping environmental law at international level.
- **Founded 2012**
Environmental and human rights law — including Earth Jurisprudence and Rights of Nature — from the firm's establishment.

All credentials verified as of May 2026.



Aurum • Golden. Shining Dawn.

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Aurum.

Golden. Shining Dawn.

The red-crowned crane — *Grus japonensis* — is among the rarest and most long-lived birds on Earth. In Japanese, Chinese and Korean tradition, it represents longevity, fidelity, and the endurance of rightful things.

It does not abandon its path when the weather turns. It rises with the same grace in difficulty as in ease. It is faithful to its nature across seasons and across time.

Living Law® chose Aurum — the crane — as its symbol because justice, like the crane, is not a fair-weather commitment. It is a long-term practice: patient, precise, and ultimately rising.



*Justice, like the
crane, does not falter.
It rises.*



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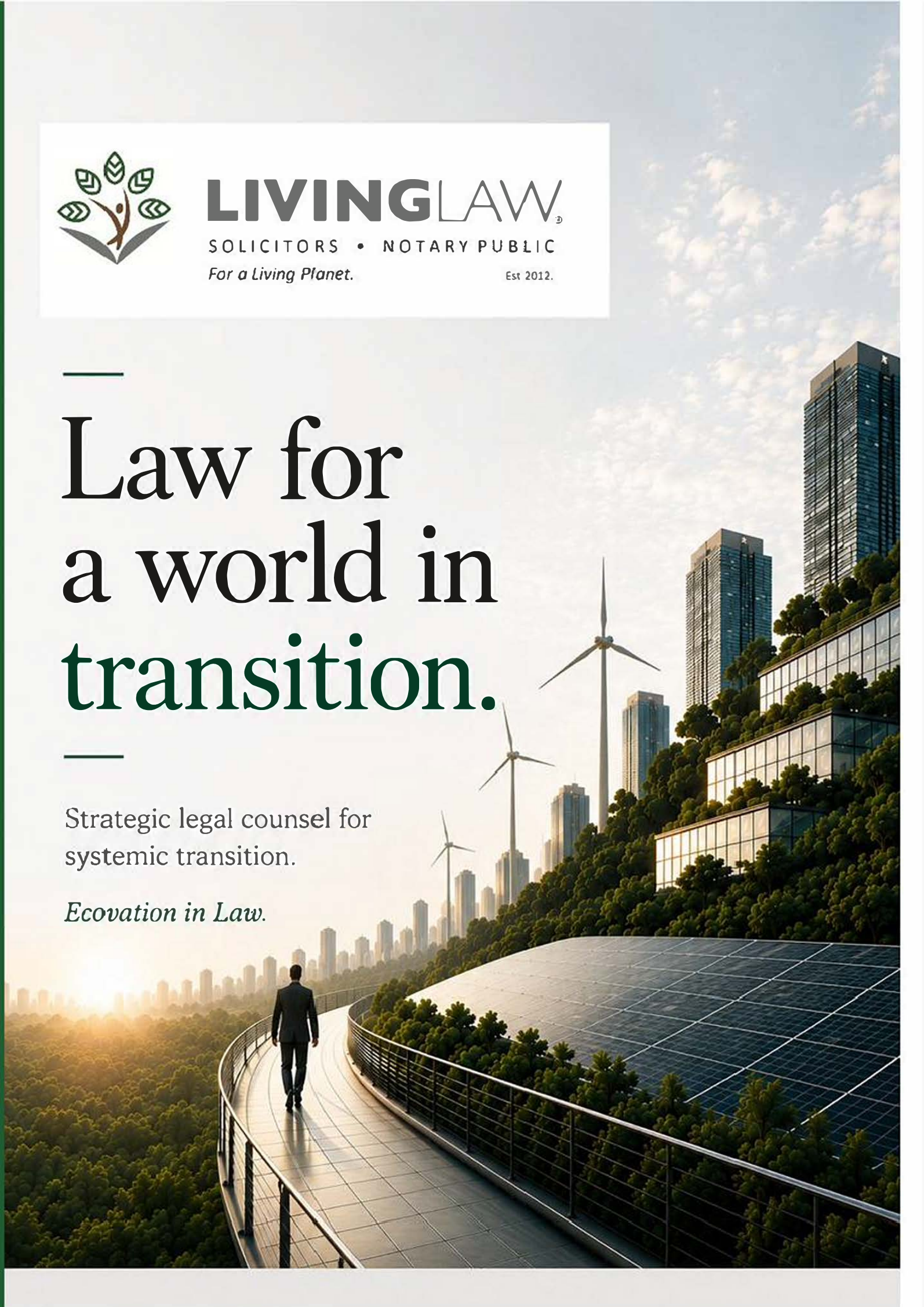
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Strategic legal counsel for
systemic transition.

Ecovation in Law.



The brand in practice.

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The values and principles in this document find their daily expression across the firm's digital presence. The campaigns and propositions below draw directly from the Mission Vision Values and Purpose (MVVP) Statement and the Ecovation methodology.

LIVINGLAW® — Ecovation in Law.

Navigating complexity. *Creating clarity.*

Today's challenges rarely arrive one at a time.

- Climate obligations.
- Biodiversity accountability.
- Human rights due diligence.
- Supply chain scrutiny.
- Investor expectations.
- Regulatory change.
- Litigation risk.
- Reputational exposure.

Most organisations are navigating all of them simultaneously.

Our role is to transform complexity into clear **recommendations, practical solutions**, and legally defensible pathways forward.

Integrated Perspective
Law, governance, environment and human rights rarely operate in isolation.

Strategic Foresight
Understanding not only today's requirements, but tomorrow's expectations.

Defensible Decisions
Advice designed to withstand scrutiny from regulators, investors and civil society.

For People.
 For Planet.
 For Prosperity.

Law for a world in transition.

Law for a world in transition.

Positioning you ahead of the change curve.

Positioning you ahead of the curve.

Deep expertise. Integrated solutions.

Deep expertise. Integrated solutions.

The transition is here.

The transition is here.

Better decisions. Stronger systems.

Better decisions. Stronger systems.

Who we work with.

Who we work with.

Rights of Nature. Law in balance.

Rights of Nature. Law in balance.

Law for a living planet.

Law for a living planet.

The legal architecture for what comes next.

Today's requirements.
Tomorrow's opportunities.

We align legal foresight with ecological
integrity to safeguard people, planet
and prosperity.

Arrange a Strategic Consultation.



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For People.



For Planet.



For Prosperity.

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We are not spectators
of legal development.
We are *participants*.

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