

Introducing the new Autumn 2026 FIDIC Contracts Seminar Series

Introduction

Howard Kennedy's International Construction team is pleased to introduce the Autumn 2026 FIDIC Contracts Seminars Series, delivered in collaboration with Cornerstone Seminars.

The Series will run from 17 September 2026 to 5 November 2026.

As with the previous series, the team will guide attendees on an eight-week exploration of key issues relating to FIDIC Contracts and dispute resolution.

Topics will include:

- The Fair and Neutral Engineer
- Design Responsibilities
- Delay Claims
- Claims for Money
- FIDIC 1999 and 2017/2022

The Series will be hosted online, with opportunities to engage in interactive workshops, and dedicated time for Q&A and discussion. Each 90-minute session will feature expert speakers - Victoria Tyson, Jo Clarke, Gabriel Mulero Clas, James Reader, and Edward Corbett. The sessions are intended to engage directly with the contractual, procedural and strategic issues that can arise in practice.

Testimonials for the Autumn Series 2025

'Thank you very much for organising today's workshop and for your excellent presentation. I found it **truly outstanding**, as it offered a **comprehensive overview of design risk allocation and succinctly addressed** one of the most debated aspects of FIDIC-based contracts. I greatly appreciated the wrap-up and the further reading sources you shared. Beyond today's excellent session, it is a real pleasure to see Edward's expert team, dedicated to the 1999 FIDIC, continuing to develop as a strong and long-term unit within Howard Kennedy.'



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'Thank you once again for the **valuable and useful FIDIC seminars**. I enjoyed it and hopefully learned how to approach FIDIC from a few more angles than before.'

'Thank you very much for an interesting FIDIC seminar series. It was excellent, and many thanks for your **clear presentations** on the important contractual issues.'

'Thank you for **delivering insightful training** during the series! You and the rest of the team really helped me step up my competencies.'

'It's been interesting and the format was great.'

'It was a **very practical approach**, with the information we need as QSs to apply day to day.'

Testimonials for the Spring Series 2026

'**Excellent presentation** with combination of case law and theory. Very good workshop discussion and the case was very interesting. Not too hard to solve but also **good to make you think**. The



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administration, technology and value for money were all excellent.'

'I want to take another chance to thank you for your **unwavering support and outstanding organization**. The selection of speakers was spot on! You **can really tell how much thought went into knowledge sharing** - it was a fantastic experience.'

'In past years I have attended many seminars and courses, but without any doubt this one is **one of most well organized and with excellent speakers**. Also the idea of concept of course was perfect.'

'I thoroughly enjoyed the seminars, which were very well structured and highly informative. I **shall recommend them to other lawyers** I know and work with.'

Course content

1. Introduction to FIDIC contracts

- FIDIC's Rainbow
- Particular Conditions
- Golden Principles

2. Role of Engineer and other parties

- Engineer as designer and administrator
- Agent or independent?
- Principle functions of Engineer and Employer

3. Design risk under Red Yellow and Silver

- Traditional v Design-build
- Fitness for purpose
- Yellow and Silver books risk allocation

4. Time programme and delay

- Time for Completion
- Time at large

- The risk of delay
- Delay damages

5. Delay problem areas

- Acceleration
- Concurrency
- Critical path delay analysis

6. Claims for money

- Ground conditions
- Geological Baseline Reports
- Prolongation costs

7. Other claims for money

- Variations
- Force Majeure and change of law
- Disruption

8. Dispute avoidance and resolution

- DAB and DAAB
- Decisions and enforcement
- Arbitration awards

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