

## CONCLUDED: The 2026 Spring Series of FIDIC Contracts Seminars

Hot on the heels of the Autumn Series, Howard Kennedy's International Construction team has concluded their first **Spring 2026 Series** of online seminars in collaboration with Cornerstone Seminars.

The previous FIDIC seminar series was praised for its clarity, depth, and practical approach. Attendees valued the comprehensive coverage of complex topics, interactive format, and useful resources. Many noted the sessions enhanced their understanding and competencies, offering practical insights applicable to daily work and delivering excellent, engaging training overall. Here's what delegates had to say:

*'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.'*

*'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'.*



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

Starting on **Thursday 12 February 2026**, this course covered:

- The fair and neutral engineer
- Design responsibilities
- Delay claims
- Claim for money
- FIDIC 1999 and 2017/2022

Speakers included Victoria Tyson, Jo Clarke, Gabriel Mulero Clas, James Reader and Edward Corbett. Each session started at 10.00 CET (09.00 UK), lasted 90 mins and comprised a talk, a workshop problem and plenty of time for Q&A and discussion.

Every delegate received a certificate of attendance to show that they completed the course or which components they attended.



## Course content:

### 1. Introduction to FIDIC contracts – 12 February 2026.

- FIDIC's Rainbow
- Particular Conditions
- Golden Principles

### 2. Role of Engineer and other parties – 19 February 2026.

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

### 3. Design risk under Red Yellow and Silver – 26 February 2026.

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

### 4. Time programme and delay – 5 March 2026.

- Time for Completion
- Time at large
- The risk of delay
- Delay damages

### 5. Delay problem areas – 12 March 2026.

- Acceleration
- Concurrency
- Critical path delay analysis

### 6. Claims for money – 19 March 2026.

- Ground conditions
- Geological Baseline Reports
- Prolongation costs

### 7. Other claims for money – 26 March 2026.

- Variations
- Force Majeure and change of law
- Disruption

### 8. Dispute avoidance and resolution – 2 April 2026.

- DAB and DAAB
- Decisions and enforcement
- Arbitration awards

## Speakers

### Edward Corbett

Edward Corbett is acknowledged as one of the world's most experienced international construction lawyers with an unsurpassed reputation as a FIDIC expert.

### Victoria Tyson

Victoria Tyson is an award-winning contentious construction lawyer with over 25 years' experience in large, complex international construction and engineering disputes. She has particular expertise in the FIDIC forms of construction contract and international arbitration.

### Joanne Clarke

Jo Clarke is a solicitor advocate who focuses on international construction and engineering disputes. She has particular expertise in complex international arbitration and FIDIC contracts.

### Gabriel Mulero Clas

Gabriel is an international construction lawyer with over 11 years' experience in large multi-million-pound disputes and arbitrations worldwide as an advisor, representative and advocate. He is bilingual in Spanish and English.

### James Reader

James Reader is a solicitor with more than 20 years of experience in dispute resolution. He has acted as



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counsel in a number of international arbitration proceedings under the ICC and SIAC rules.

To learn more, head to our dedicated [FIDIC Seminars](#) page or access [Cornerstones Seminars' website here](#).

**We would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding these seminars. Please feel free to contact us at [info@cornerstoneseminars.com](mailto:info@cornerstoneseminars.com), [joanne.clarke@howardkennedy.com](mailto:joanne.clarke@howardkennedy.com), or [victoria.tyson@howardkennedy.com](mailto:victoria.tyson@howardkennedy.com).**

