

# FIDIC Contracts Claims Masterclass | 18–19 June 2026

## Introduction

Following the success of our sold-out Autumn and Spring FIDIC Contracts Seminars Series, Howard Kennedy's International Construction team is pleased to announce a brand new FIDIC Contracts Claims Masterclass, a two day in-person workshop taking place on **Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June 2026**.

This masterclass, with expert-led sessions and practical workshops, will provide a focused and practical examination of how claims are made, managed, and defended under the FIDIC forms of contract. The programme is intended for professionals who already work with FIDIC contracts and are looking to sharpen their claims strategy, deepen their understanding of risk management, and enhance their dispute-readiness. See below for a detailed programme.

The event will be hosted at Howard Kennedy's London office, with members of the firm's International Construction team and invited delay and quantum experts involved throughout the two days in presenting sessions and facilitating discussion.

The masterclass is **£625**, and includes lunches, dinner, and refreshments.

If you would like to learn more or register your interest, please contact the International Construction team via the [link](#) here or by signing up below.

## Programme Overview

### Day 1 – Claims Foundations, Variations and Delay

#### Introduction to Claims under FIDIC

- Risk and its allocation
- Risk transfer and its limitations
- Distinguishing between “claims” and “disputes”

#### Notices and Determinations

- Time-barring provisions



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- Discretion, waiver and compliance
- Forms and timing of notices
- Determinations and applicable timeframes

#### Variations and Valuation

- What constitutes a Variation
- Cardinal change
- Limits on the Engineer's power to vary
- Disputed Variations
- Valuation under the Red Book and Yellow/Silver Books, including a brief introduction to prolongation and disruption

#### Workshop:

*Dispute arising from a Variation – validity, notice compliance and valuation*

#### Delay Claims

- Burden of proof for extensions of time
- Time at large
- Acceleration (express and constructive)
- Concurrency
- Delay damages and limits to exclusive remedies



## Delay Analysis (led by a delay expert)

- Prospective vs retrospective analysis
- Common critical path methods and their pitfalls
- How delay analyses are tested and challenged in disputes

### Extended Workshop:

*Dispute over an EOT claim involving shifting critical paths and external commissioning issues*

## Day 2 – Ground Risk, Quantum, Termination and Dispute Resolution

### Geology and Force Majeure

- Unforeseen ground condition claims
- Geotechnical Baseline Reports (GBRs)
- Force majeure and prevention

### Prolongation Cost and Disruption (led by a quantum expert)

- Bases of claim for different types of employer risk events, including Variations
- Proof of cost, cost-plus claims, valuation and damages
- Acceleration and disruption claims

### Employer Claims

- Defects in contractor design and workmanship
- Design Non-Performance and related doctrines
- Duty to mitigate
- Design claims and fitness for purpose
- Bonds and retentions

### Workshop:

*Bad design or bad work?*

### Termination

- Contractual grounds for termination
- Additional grounds and limits under general law
- Post-termination procedures and financial claims
- Limitations of liability

## Dispute Prevention and Resolution

- Mandatory DAABs under FIDIC
- The role of the DAAB in dispute prevention and decision-making
- Enforcement of DAAB decisions
- Arbitration

### Extended Workshop:

*DAAB hearing following termination*

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