



International Construction

Our leading international construction team specialise in the avoidance and resolution of disputes arising in the construction and engineering sector. In addition, we advise on procurement, drafting and negotiating contracts.

Our experience covers all major sectors including airports, roads, railways, bridges, complex buildings, power and energy (including hydro and wind), and ports and dredging.

We act for, and advise, employers (owners, including governments), consulting engineers and international contractors in relation to large international construction and engineering projects all over the world. We have cross border expertise and, where necessary, work with co-counsel if issues of local law arise.

What sets us apart?

FIDIC expertise: The team have specialist knowledge of the FIDIC forms of contract having been involved in the drafting of several of them. The team have also written two books on FIDIC contracts: “FIDIC 4th: A Practical Legal Guide” and “FIDIC 2017: A Practical Legal Guide” and have contributed to other publications.

Acting as adjudicators and arbitrators: We have experience hearing disputes as adjudicators and arbitrators. Members of the team sit as FIDIC Certified Adjudicators and on the FIDIC President's List of Approved Adjudicators.

Technical construction knowledge: Many of our lawyers have Masters degrees in construction law and dispute resolution, which provides an in-depth, technical knowledge of the sector that many other firms don't have. We pride ourselves on our ability to understand the most complex projects and to provide creative and effective solutions to what can sometimes be very difficult problems.

Dual qualification: Many of our lawyers are qualified (or have worked) in jurisdictions outside of England and Wales, which serves to enhance our international expertise and the service that we are able to offer to clients.

Sectors



Transport, infrastructure and civil engineering



Ports and dredging



Power and energy



Water



Residential and commercial property

Services



Arbitration and litigation



Dispute boards, mediation and other forms of ADR



Risk management and advisory



The leaders in FIDIC. The team have an intimate knowledge of the FIDIC suite of contracts. In addition to the team's excellent technical knowledge, they are easy to work with and always accessible.

Selected experience

- **Government of Gibraltar:** Acting in litigation against a contractor in a £30m contract concerning the construction of an airport.
- **US\$1billion railway:** Advising the contractor on dispute avoidance and resolution on a bespoke turnkey contract for the construction of a US\$1bn railway.
- **Major international airport:** Acting in ICC arbitration proceedings concerning the construction of major aircraft facilities at two international airports, involving complex FIDIC issues and government agencies.
- **US\$100m port development project:** Acting for an employer in dispute board proceedings concerning a dispute arising from a US\$100m port development project in Iraq.
- **€900m dispute board and arbitration proceedings:** Acting for the employer on dispute board and ICC arbitration proceedings in excess of €900m on a large hydroelectric power project in Africa.
- **Hydropower project:** Advising the contractor during appeal of two arbitral awards against the same employer at the regional court. The arbitrations related to a hydropower project in South Asia.
- **Luxury apartments:** Acting for an employer in dispute board proceedings to settle disputes arising from a €62m contract for the construction of luxury apartments in a European capital city.
- **Administrative complex:** Acting for a joint venture contractor in ICC arbitration proceedings in Brussels, against the European Union concerning disputes arising from a €22m contract for the design and construction of a multi-building administrative complex in the Balkans.
- **Major international airport:** Acting for an employer in SIAC arbitration proceedings in a US\$60m contract concerning the airport infrastructure and terminal improvement works at a major international airport.
- **Multi-million-euro road construction project:** Acting for a subcontractor in an ICC arbitration against a contractor relating to a multi-million-euro road construction and rehabilitation project in the Balkans.
- **Cruise ship pier:** Advising the employer on claims on the construction of a cruise ship pier in the Caribbean.
- **Gravity dam:** Assisting three African governments in the procurement of a study assessing the environmental and social impacts of a large gravity dam.

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