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Masterclass: Construction, Law and Best Practice

The Future of Construction & Dispute Resolution

22nd November 2022

The Shangri-La, Dubai

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Why should I attend this event?

The construction industry is changing fast. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Middle East. As a region, the Gulf has always been ahead of the curve. Dubai has been home to some of the world's most impressive construction projects in the last 50 years.



As new markets across the Gulf emerge, construction remains a risky business. Globally the average construction dispute costs \$52.6million. A figure that has grown by almost \$8million since 2019.

With risks this high, you will certainly be doing everything in your power to avoid costly and disruptive disputes. This event will give you a helping hand. Some of the world's top experts in construction and law are joining forces for a one-day event in Dubai this November.

What's Included

In addition to the full timetable, attendees at the Masterclass will receive:

- Certificate of attendance and 8 hours CPD.
- Refreshments, full lunch and evening reception.
- Networking opportunities with speakers and attendees at designated breaks throughout the day.
- Private appointments at our Construction Clinic, where our experts will be available for one-on-one advice.
- Event materials and papers.
- Invitation to join the online masterclass alumni group.

The Masterclass is unmissable for anyone working in construction and engineering. Don't run the risk of running into an expensive and time-consuming dispute. Invest a day in improving your knowledge.

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<p>08:30 <i>Arrival and Registration</i></p>	<p>1:30 Change, Notices and Variations Paul Gibbons (Decipher), Thanos Kavelis & Glenn Bull (Charles Russell Speechlys)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a variation? How to identify and prove it. • When should you give notice under the contract? • How to interpret your contract? • Mistakes people make and how to avoid them.
<p>09:00 Future of Construction & Development in the Gulf John Shenton (CIOB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key projects in the pipeline across the region • What effect might a global recession have? • What are key challenges and how are people addressing them? • What does the future hold? 	<p>2.00 The Great Delay Debate Anthony Hayes (Decipher), Alastair Farr (FTI), Rohit Singhal (Masin), Manus Bradley, (Secretariat)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What method should you use for analysing delay? • What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? • What risks are involved?
<p>09:25 Understanding the Roles of Legal Teams and Advisors Damian James (Damian James), Bethan Onions (Arup), Anna Laney (Crown Office Chambers) & Leonie Sellers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to select a legal team. • What are clients and General Counsel looking for? • How to minimise costs and ensure success. 	<p>2:40 Bond Calls & Insurance Faisal Attia (Pinsent Masons), Harriet Jenkins, (Simmons & Simmons), Simon Hale (4 Pump Court).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent case law and the challenges facing the PI market • How and when insurance policies and bond calls respond to claims. • Key risks and challenges with bond calls & insurance.
<p>10:10 <i>Networking break</i></p>	<p>3:20 <i>Networking Break</i></p>
<p>10.30 Preparation for success: Contract Drafting & Baseline Programmes Suzannah Fairbairn (Dentons) & Hilal Itani (HIFCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to ensure risk is correctly allocated. • Tips for negotiation and contract drafting. • Purpose of baseline programmes - how they are defined • Do baseline schedule submissions have to be Approved? • Recommendations to avoid risks & improve schedule approval 	<p>3:40 Dispute resolution & regional court systems James Leabeater QC (4 Pump Court), Jane Miles (Reed Smith), Jonathan Thompson (CDI Experts), Fatima Balfaqqeh (RKAH Legal Consultancy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do local court systems work? • When and how to choose where to resolve a dispute? • Should you avoid the courts at all costs?
<p>11.10 ESG and its Role in Construction & Engineering Khushboo Shahdadpuri (Al Tamimi), Wolf Von Kumberg (Arbitra International). Rob Jackson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is ESG and how does it affect construction and Gulf projects? • How does it affect the law and dispute resolution? • Dealing with ESG disputes. • The Way Forward – How Green can the Gulf Become? 	<p>4.20 You Have Your Decision, Now What? Enforcement & Payment Fernando Ortega (IAA Law Firm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Techniques or mechanisms for enforcement of court or arbitration decisions. • Third party funding and how that effects enforcement • Limiting the potential risk of non-payment
<p>11.50 Working in Saudi Philip Norman (Clyde & Co), Richard Sage (Crown Office Chambers) Richard Hyde, Sean Hugo (CBBG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision 2030: What is changing in KSA? • How are risks allocated in the Kingdom? • What cultural and societal perspectives do you need to be mindful of? 	<p>4.50 Closing Discussions Chaired by Vivek Kapoor (39 Essex Chambers) The days speakers join us for a final Q&A session where we discuss the most important matters of the day including key topics of the day, and termination and insolvency</p>
<p>12:30 <i>Lunch</i></p>	<p>5.30 <i>Close and networking reception at the i-Kandy Ultralounge, sponsored by Secretariat International</i></p> <p> Secretariat</p>

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Masterclass Leaders

Faisal Attia, Partner, Pinsent Masons

Faisal is a specialist on the interpretation of the Middle Eastern laws in the context of construction and commercial disputes, especially in terms of arbitration and litigation.

Fatima Balfaqqeh, RKAH Legal Consultancy

Fatima Balfaqqeh is a Legal Counsel, independent Arbitrator, Mediator, and a Business Consultant. She has worked extensively within commercial, legal and operational matters across a wide array of sectors such as construction, banking, insurance and commercial transitions.

Thanos Kavelis, Partner, Charles Russell Speechlys

Thanos is a construction partner based in Dubai. He has more than 25 years' experience as an arbitration, litigation and construction practitioner in high profile projects in the Middle East, Europe and Africa in a wide range of industries across the entire project cycle. He regularly serves as lead counsel in arbitrations in the Middle East and in Europe.

Glenn Bull, Senior Associate, Charles Russell Speechlys

Glenn has been in the Gulf region since 2014. His broad experience includes acting for clients in both contentious and non-contentious construction matters. Over his career, Glenn has advised clients on projects throughout the GCC and across the world.

Alastair Farr, Head of Construction Solutions, FTI

Alastair heads the UK & Europe Construction Solutions Practice for FTI. He is experienced in providing commercial, claims and expert witness services, including dispute resolution and expert witness testimony.

Suzannah Fairbairn, Senior Associate, Dentons

Suzannah advises clients across the Middle East and has over 10 years' experience in resolving complex engineering, infrastructure and construction disputes, as well as minimising disputes through contract drafting and advising on live projects.

Paul Gibbons, CEO, Decipher Consulting

Paul is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with over 24 years' experience in construction. Paul has experience acting as party representative in all forms of dispute resolution. He is an accredited expert witness with expertise in both quantum and delay matters.

Anthony Hayes, Associate, Decipher Consulting

Anthony has 15 years of experience in planning, working on large scale construction projects around the world. Experienced in forensic planning techniques and report writing, Anthony has acted as a party-appointed expert in delay disputes.

Richard Hyde, Commercial Program Lead

Richard is an experienced commercial director. He establishes and leads business units and teams that deliver effective pre-contract and post contract solutions across major \$multi-billion capital works projects at all stages of project development to completion.

Hilal Itani, Managing Shareholder, HIFCC

Hilal specialises in the preparation, submission and defence of construction contract claims and arbitration cases. He acts as an expert witness on behalf of various contractors, sub-contractors and employers under various forms of contracts, including FIDIC and bespoke.

Damian James, Founder, Damian James

Damian James is a leading expert in the area of quantum, delay, disruption and cost evaluation. He has been appointed as advocate in arbitrations and as expert in adjudications. He has particular expertise in the preparation of detailed claims to recover client entitlements.

Vivek Kapoor, Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers

Vivek Kapoor is an advocate and arbitrator specialising in complex commercial disputes. His particular expertise is in multi-jurisdictional disputes in energy, natural resources, infrastructure and construction. Vivek featured in the inaugural Legal 500 International Arbitration Powerlist.

Anna Laney, Barrister, Crown Office Chambers

Anna is a specialist infrastructure, construction and engineering disputes lawyer and the current Chambers and Partners UK Bar Construction Junior of the Year. She has vast experience across the Middle East including UAE, Oman and Qatar.

James Leabeater QC, Barrister, 4 Pump Court

James was nominated as Construction Junior of the Year in the Chambers & Partners UK Bar Awards 2016. In addition to appearing in the TCC, he has particular experience of construction arbitrations across the GCC, in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Jane Miles, Senior Associate, Reed Smith

Jane specialises in construction and engineering and dispute resolution, with over a decade of GCC experience. Her practice largely focuses on construction and engineering disputes. Her practice also includes non-contentious construction advice.

Philip Norman, Partner, Clyde & Co

Philip has over 25 years' experience as an international dispute resolution/arbitration lawyer, focussing on complex, high-value energy and infrastructure projects. He is a partner in the London and Dubai offices, and has significant experience in other jurisdictions.

Fernando Ortega, Partner, IAA Law Firm

Fernando is a construction lawyer who represents a range of clients in arbitral disputes in the UAE and through the MENA region. He has extensive experience of the enforcement of domestic and foreign judgments and arbitral awards in the UAE and around the world

John Shenton, Chair of Dubai Hub, CIOB

John Shenton is Chair of the Dubai Hub for the CIOB and Regional Contract Manager – GCC for Averda. John is a Chartered Construction Manager and a Fellow of the CIARB with fourteen years of experience in contract management in the UK and EMEA.

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Bethan Onions, Legal Counsel, Arup

Bethan joined Arup's legal team in 2008. Her practice covers both contentious and non-contentious matters. She has experience of negotiating appointments of major projects involving complex joint venture arrangements. Her contentious practice includes advising on all types of fee claims and professional negligence claims.

Richard Sage, Barrister, Crown Office Chambers

Richard's practice is heavily focussed on infrastructure, construction and engineering. He has a busy practice in the field of international arbitration and has acted on high profile civil and engineering projects across the Middle East, most recently in Saudi Arabia, Dubai and Qatar. Richard has experience of all major forms of arbitral rules.

Leonie Sellers, Solicitor

Leonie provides strategic advice on a variety of contentious construction matters. She has acted for across construction, engineering and technology. Leonie was previously in-house counsel for a leading developer of water and power projects.

Khushboo Shahdadpuri, Senior Associate, Al Tamimi

Khushboo's practice focuses on international dispute resolution. She has represented conglomerates, state entities, employers, contractors and sub-contractors in construction, infrastructure, energy, oil & gas, real estate, corporate and shipping disputes.

Rohit Singhal, CEO, Masin Projects

Rohit Singhal is the CEO of Masin, a renowned construction arbitration expert firm. Rohit is a construction dispute expert with 25 years of international experience involving construction contract disputes analysis and resolution, arbitration / litigation support and expert testimony.

Harriet Jenkins, Simmons & Simmons

Harriet is an experienced disputes and international arbitration lawyer. She specialises in resolving complex multijurisdictional construction, engineering and infrastructure disputes through arbitration, litigation and settlement. She specialises in international arbitration, particularly on contentious construction matters arising out of major energy and infrastructure projects in the MENA region.

Jonathan Thompson, Regional Partner, CDI Experts

Jonathan has over 30 years of experience in the construction industry obtained on major building projects across the world. A qualified Quantity Surveyor he has extensive experience in commercial and contracts management, dispute resolution, expert witness and arbitration support.

Rob Jackson

Perhaps best known in the region for his previous role with a leading institution, Rob now advises and supports businesses across a diverse range of sectors and geographical markets. His work focusses on digital transformation, ESG and tangible reporting, strategies for businesses to support revenue growth plans and 'go to market' strategies.

Manus Bradley, Secretariat

Manus Bradley is a Managing Director with Secretariat and is based in Dubai. Mr. Bradley is a testifying delay expert who has over 20 years' experience in large scale construction and engineering projects as a project engineer, project scheduler and delay analyst.

Wolf Von Kumberg, Arbitra

Wolf is a leading internationally recognised independent arbitrator and mediator. He has over 30 years' experience in complex commercial disputes. Wolf has worked extensively with oil & gas majors to assist in dealing with their ESG-related dispute risks.

Simon Hale, Barrister, 4 Pump Court

Simon is a highly respected specialist advocate in international construction, energy and infrastructure disputes. Middle Eastern projects are a core part of his practice, and he is regularly appointed as sole or lead counsel for both court proceedings and arbitrations. Simon was nominated as Construction and Energy Junior of the Year in 2020.

Sean Hugo, CBBG

Sean is a Partner with CBBG Group. He has extensive experience in the specialist disciplines of delay & disruption analysis. Sean has been appointed as an expert, drafting numerous reports providing an independent opinion relating to construction project delay and disruption. Sean has received formal expert witness and advanced cross-examination training, and has worked in KSA.

Testimonials

"I thought the event was excellent and the speakers were impressive"

Richard James, Effectus Consulting

"Thank you Limeslade for the wonderful seminar"

Sarah Wilson, Addleshaw Goddard LLP

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The Venue

Shangri-La Hotel, Dubai

With open rooftop terraces offering breathtaking skyline views, two ballrooms and seven meeting rooms, all flooded with natural light, Shangri-La Hotel, Dubai provides us with a perfect setting for this event. The evening networking reception in the iKandy ultralounge ensures a relaxed setting for meeting and relaxing with colleagues.

Networking Reception at iKandy Ultralounge

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The masterclass concludes with an invite only networking reception on the rooftop of the Shangri-la. Kindly sponsored by Secretariat, you'll have the chance to meet with speakers and attendees in a relaxed and informal setting. Take this opportunity to develop relationships and continue discussions with our esteemed guests and speakers.

How to book

To book your place, simply visit: www.limeslade.com/masterclass

For group bookings or any other enquires please contact Annie on: annie@limeslade.com

Book before 11th November to take advantage of early bird rates CIOB and RICS members can get additional discounts - check your email or contact us for more.

Terms: Refunds are only available when the course is fully booked, and will be subject to an administration fee. Whilst we make every effort to ensure all speakers are available, it may be necessary to substitute a speaker in the event of unexpected unavailability. In the unlikely event of cancellation, a full refund will be provided.

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