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CONSTRUCTION & LAW MASTERCLASS

Shangri-La, Dubai

13TH November 2025

9:30am – 5:45pm

The Middle East is home to some of the world's most remarkable construction projects. It is a region with a history of leading innovation.

However, as new projects develop, construction projects are still sources of risk and dispute. Additionally, the rising cost of construction disputes requires better mitigation strategies.

Attend our exclusive Masterclass in Dubai this November to help you navigate these challenges.

This one-day event features world-leading experts in construction and law.

They will share insight and strategies for managing risks and avoiding costly disputes. You will gain valuable knowledge to avoid disputes, protect your business and enhance your skills.

This Masterclass is an unmissable opportunity for anyone involved in construction and engineering. Don't leave your projects to chance, secure your place today.



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9:30 am	Arrival and Registration
10:00 am	Welcome introductions Annie Clift - Limeslade
10:05 am	The evolving construction landscape in the Middle East CIOB Representative - TBC
10:30 am	Preparing for Success Alex Studholme, Mantle Law • Setting up for success • An introduction to contracts and disputes • Common mistakes and how to avoid them
11:00 am	 Break
11:20 am	Getting Construction Right Casey Rutland, Property Cortex Ben Mellors, Hawkswell Kilvington CIOB Representative • Improving quality in the construction sector • Sustainability and the emergence of new technology • Plugging the skills gap
12:00 pm	Foreseeability and Long-Term Planning Cheryl Cairns, Trowers & Hamlins Paul Sills, Arbitra Dr John Fletcher, RICS • How to navigate long term construction projects • How to deal with policy, legal, cultural changes on long-term projects • What are your options when things change • Business continuity - Planning for disaster and lessons learned from Covid-19



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12:45 pm

Tackling Design Changes and Scope Creep

Nesreen Osman, Pinsent Masons

Helena White, Gatehouse Chambers

Neil Halstead, Diales

- How to manage change
- Lessons learned and war stories
- Common mistakes and how to avoid them

1:30 pm

..... Lunch

2:30 pm

Notices and Conditions Precedent to Entitlement

Suzannah Fairbairn, Dentons

Katy Handley, 4 Pump Court

- How to deal with notices
- What does the contract say
- Common mistakes and how to avoid them

3:00 pm

Delay Analysis

Manus Bradley, Secretariat International

James Howells KC, Atkin Chambers

- Latest in delay analysis
- SCL protocol
- Concurrent delays

3:45 pm

..... Break

4:00 pm

Building a Legal Team for Middle East Disputes

Kim Franklin KC, Crown Office Chambers

Hashem AlAidarous, AlAidarous Advocates & Legal Consultants

Ryan Shalabi, Turner & Townsend

Noradèle Radjai, Lalive

- What is different in the Middle East?
- How to the teams work together?
- Lessons learned and War Stories

4:45 pm

Mock Dispute Adjudication Board Hearing

Fatima Balfaqeeh, Balfaqeeh Advocates & Legal Consultants

Michael Wheeler KC, Gatehouse Chambers

Mark Watson, DeSimone

Abdul Jinadu, Keating Chambers

5:00 pm

End of event & Networking



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