

Specialist Construction Solicitors



Specialist solicitors to the construction and engineering industries

Hawkswell Kilvington is a niche firm of award winning, specialist solicitors with a firmly established reputation for providing legal services to both the construction and engineering industries.

We provide expert advice and solutions in all principles of construction and engineering law, from drafting, reviewing and amending bespoke and standard form construction contracts and subcontracts to resolving construction and engineering disputes through adjudication, mediation, negotiation, arbitration and litigation.

Our team of professional and highly experienced lawyers have an up-to-date and in-depth knowledge of the latest legal developments and always adopt a pragmatic, commercial and cost-effective approach. We also offer a personal service and a high level of partner involvement that other firms are unable to provide. Our aim is to always be accessible and for our clients to know who is actually doing the work for them.









International Construction Arbitration

Leading Boutique International Arbitration Services

Our international construction arbitration practice is trusted to resolve high-value, technically complex disputes arising from major projects worldwide. We represent clients in leading arbitral forums, combining keen representation of our clients' interests with the unbeatable value and flexibility characteristic of a specialised boutique practice. We cover a wide range of jurisdictions, institutional rules and industry sectors, and have an outstanding record of success.

Ben Mellors - Leading Authority in Global Construction Disputes

Our international arbitration practice is led by Ben Mellors, a dual-qualified solicitor-advocate and former civil engineer with over two decades of experience resolving complex construction disputes across the globe. Ben is recognised as one of the UK's foremost experts in international construction arbitration. He draws on his dual experience in engineering and law to address highly technical and factually complex arbitrations with a clear, strategic perspective.

Global Arbitration Experience

Our experience is full-scope and truly global in nature, and includes arbitrations arising under:

- · ICC, DIAC, UNCITRAL and ad hoc proceedings
- Disputes involving EPC contracts, FIDIC forms and bespoke international agreements
- Cases seated in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia

Hawkswell Kilvington lawyers have successfully pursued and defended disputes concerning:

- Delay, disruption and performance guarantees
- · Defects and technical failures
- Termination and suspension
- Price escalation, VAT and payment disputes
- Claims under joint ventures, PPPs and complex procurement models

Industry Coverage

Our sector experience includes industries as varied as:

- Energy & Renewables: Solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, nuclear, energy-from-waste
- Oil & Gas: FPSOs, LNG, pipelines, offshore infrastructure
- Infrastructure: Metro systems, roads, ports, airports, tunnelling
- Process Plants & Industrial Facilities:
 Petrochemical, manufacturing and utilities

Setting Industry Standards for Clients

Ben Mellors is co-author of FIDIC Contracts: Law and Practice and has contributed extensively to the development and interpretation of the FIDIC suite, including the 2017 editions and the Emerald Book. He is a regular speaker at international arbitration and construction law conferences and has published widely on dispute resolution and contract strategy. Ben chairs the TECSA International & Arbitration Sub-Committee, ensuring our clients receive advice shaped by the latest industry developments and best practices.

Accolades in International Construction Arbitration

Both the Legal 500 and Chambers UK recommend Ben Mellors including in the field of international arbitration ("A great construction disputes lawyer"; "Very thorough and detailed,"). He was selected by Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal) as a Global Leader and Thought Leader in Construction, and is named in Doyle's Guide as a Leading Construction Litigation Lawyer. Ben's expertise, combined with the depth and experience of the award-winning Hawkswell Kilvington team, gives our clients a decisive advantage in international construction arbitration.



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