

Construction law team



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"Michael Woolley is respected in the market as 'a knowledgeable, straightforward lawyer who is easy to deal with', and clients particularly value his commercial-mindedness." Chambers & Partners UK 2009

Michael deals with all types of construction disputes including both traditional building and engineering work, energy related construction and process plant. He has advised contractors, employers, insurers and professionals and is well known for work involving construction plant, having advised the CPA. Arenas for resolution have covered arbitration, adjudication, mediation and litigation. He is a TeCSA panel mediator. Michael is a member of the Society of Construction Law and convenes the North West Technology and Construction Court Users Group.



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"David Chinn is equally adept at both contentious and non-contentious work. Clients admire his commercial approach, suggesting that it sets the tone for the group's high standard of client service." Chambers & Partners UK 2010

"David Chinn is praised for 'his accessible, commercial approach and complete understanding of his clients' businesses'. Interviewees continue to seek out his representation because 'he builds solid relationships and avoids unnecessary antagonism'." Chambers & Partners UK 2009

David is experienced in all types of contentious and non-contentious construction and engineering matters, with particular experience in resolving disputes relating to conditions of contract, design/construction issues, loss and expense, delay, disruption, environmental issues, damage to property, insurance and insolvency. David is a TeCSA accredited adjudicator, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, on the Construction Industry Council panel of Adjudicators, a member of the Society of Construction Law and an ADR group accredited mediator.



David Oram
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David has over 20 years' experience of dealing with construction and engineering issues for a wide variety of clients based in the UK and overseas. He is experienced in all types of dispute resolution, including UK and international arbitration, court proceedings, ADR and adjudication. He has extensive experience of drafting and negotiating agreements for UK and international projects and developments. He also advises on procurement methods and structures. Secretary to the Merseyside Technology and Construction Users Committee, David is also a member of the Society of Construction Law.



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Alan specialises in all types of contentious and non-contentious construction and engineering matters, with a particular interest and involvement in environmental issues on building sites. He advises on and has drafted a wide range of agreements including building contracts, consultant appointments, guarantees, bonds, access licences and collateral warranties. In contentious matters Alan is experienced in high value and complex construction and engineering disputes in arbitration, litigation, and adjudication for contractors, employers and consultants.

"We can't ask for much more - whenever we ask for advice, we've got it, and whenever we've set deadlines, they've been met."

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Howard Cornes, Partner
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Howard comes from a construction background, having originally qualified as a chartered building surveyor and as group legal director for a leading national developer. He has considerable experience in a range of both contentious and non-contentious matters and in addition to dealing with the full range of contractual documents needed for setting up development sites he has dealt widely with both adjudication and litigation, acting for employers, contractors, sub-contractors and members of the professional team.



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"Ron is a qualified mechanical design engineer in addition to being a much-admired construction solicitor." Chambers & Partners UK 2010

Ron is a trained engineer, having spent over 20 years both in engineering processes and design and having worked with substantial UK and multi-national organisations in this field prior to qualifying as a solicitor in 1994.

He is a specialist in non-contentious construction work in connection with major projects in both the building and civil engineering sectors. Ron handles all aspects of contract procurement, standard form and negotiated construction contracts, professional appointments, warranties and bonds, and acts for publicly funded organisations and major developers of highways and structures, hotels, multi-story residential developments, sports stadia, large retail parks and other commercial and industrial outlets.



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David specialises in commercial contract and construction litigation, arbitration and adjudication, and professional negligence as it relates to the construction industry. Over the past 20 years he has acted for employers, main contractors, sub-contractors and construction professionals on a wide range of disputes, and has advised parties on the Party Wall Act 1996, conducting appeals against Party Wall Act Awards. He is also a practising mediator accredited by both CEDR and ADR Group, and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



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"Edward is described as 'a great strategist' and handles a considerable amount of complex work in the utilities and energy sectors." Chambers & Partners UK 2010

Edward Davies specialises in the legal and commercial aspects of major infrastructure and engineering projects. He has led teams of lawyers working on some of the largest and most important projects in the region including the second runway at Manchester Airport and United Utilities' multi-billion pound procurement programmes. Prior to joining Hill Dickinson, Edward was a partner at Pinsent Masons for over twenty years. Edward is a mediator having been trained by the American Arbitration Association and CEDR.



Guy Thomas, Associate
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Guy is a dual qualified solicitor and chartered civil engineer (CEng) having spent 12 years working within the construction industry with a main contractor and client organisation, working on significant projects within the UK and Hong Kong.

Guy specialises in both non-contentious and contentious construction work including negotiating and drafting various construction documents, standard form and negotiated construction contracts, professional appointments, collateral warranties and bonds. Guy has experience in all methods of dispute resolution including mediation, adjudication and litigation in the Technology and Construction Court. Guy is also a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers (MICE) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb).



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Nancy has experience of a range of non-contentious and contentious matters including litigation, mediation and adjudication. She also deals with contentious matters including litigation, mediation, adjudication and arbitration.



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Eleanor is a solicitor specialising in non-contentious construction. She is experienced in advising developers, contractors, professionals and funders. She specialises in the drafting of bespoke construction contracts based on the usual standard forms of contract used in the industry.

Eleanor advises on, negotiates and drafts professional appointments, collateral warranties, deeds of variation, deeds of assignment, deeds of novation, oversailing licences and framework agreements. Her work often involves assisting the real estate and corporate teams by advising on development agreements and funding agreements, ensuring the construction documentation complies with the relevant obligations and carrying out corporate support work with respect to the sale/acquisition of construction companies.



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Gareth has experience in a wide range of contentious matters including contract and tortious claims, construction and engineering claims, utility damage claims, insolvency disputes, property disputes and insurance disputes.



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Heather specialises in resolving contentious construction and engineering disputes through arbitration, adjudication, litigation and ADR. Her experience broadly covers acting on behalf of housebuilders, employers and main contractors in a variety of disputes primarily involving payment defects and professional negligence. She has also been involved in claims for variations, extensions of time and loss and expense claims.