Peter Aeberli



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Construction and engineering

Work as counsel includes advising on and appearing principally on construction and arbitration related matters in the Technology and Court Court (TCC) and the County Courts, has also appeared in the Court of Appeal (*TWF Printers Ltd v. Interserve Project Services* [2006] BLR 299). Receives instructions to draft contractual documentation including amendments to JCT contracts. Advises and represents parties in arbitration, adjudication and mediation proceedings.

Overseas work has included advising parties in Latvia, Vietnam and in South Africa on contractual (FIDIC) and arbitration matters.

An experienced arbitrator, adjudicator and mediator, Peter receives appointments by party agreement and from bodies such as the ICC (sole arbitrator and president), LCIA (sole, presiding and wing arbitrator), FIDIC, Engineer's Ireland, the CIArb, RICS and RIBA. Peter was invited by ICDR (American Arbitration Association) to chair a tribunal, but had to decline, for personal reasons.

Projects on which Peter Aeberli has been appointed as tribunal or instructed as counsel have included port facilities in Ghana and in England; power stations, including nuclear, roads, including in Moldova, sewers, including in Bulgaria; remediation of nuclear contamination; hotels and office complexes, railway rolling stock, housing; the value of projects ranging in value up to about £100 million and disputes up to about £10 million. Peter Aeberli also devised and ran, on behalf of various professional bodes in Ireland including the RIAI, Engineers' Ireland and the Bar Council, the Adjudication Conversion Course in preparation for the introduction of statutory adjudication of construction disputes in Ireland and, for the Irish Law Society, a training course for representatives in Construction Adjudication. In 2018 he devised and ran for the BPP law school a five day course on international arbitration for a group of visiting Chinese lawyers.

Articles
Peter's web site, www.aeberli.com, includes a number of papers on construction law, arbitration and adjudication. Published articles, many of which can be found re-printed on the site, include:

- 2007: What material can an adjudicator consider; Construction Law Journal
- 2005: Jurisdictional Disputes under the Arbitration Act 1996: A Procedural Route Map; Arbitration International
- 1993: Wharf Properties and Rolled-Up Claims; Construction Law Journal
- 1993: Abatements, Set-Offs and Counterclaims in Arbitration Proceedings; ADR Law Journal

Recommendations

"Thank you very much indeed for your assistance yesterday. ... we could not have got there without your skill and persistence." - **London city solicitors – Mediation instruction**

"The adjudicator decided, in what both parties accepted was a thorough and well reasoned decision, ... that the defendant had to pay the claimant the sums for which I have given summary judgment." *Knight v. Urvasco* [2008] EWHC 3956. "I would like to express my appreciation of the proficient approach and treatment by the one member DAB ..." - **Eastern European State entity**

"We would also like to convey our thanks to the Arbitrator ... We look forward to working again with the Arbitrator soon." - **London city solicitors**

Academic qualifications

- MA (Edin)
- BA (Oxon)
- Dip Arch
- RIBA and ARIAS (1979 to mid-2025)
- FCIArb

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Barrister (Middle Temple)
- Chartered Arbitrator
- Architect
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Accredited CEDR Mediator
- Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration

Professional bodies

- RIBA and RIAS (1979 to mid-2025), ACE, FCIArb, Barrister
- Visiting senior lecturer at Kings College Centre of Construction Law and Management, teaching construction law, arbitration and dispute resolution and Course director for Module D of the MSc Course – Arbitration and dispute resolution module: 2002-2013.
- Joint Secretary of the Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT): 1995 to 1998.
- Cases editor on the Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Law Journal: 1994 to 2000
- Member of the drafting committee for the Construction Industry Model Arbitration Rules (CIMAR).
- Member of ICC Commission on Arbitration and ICC Task Forces on Reducing Costs in Complex Arbitrations and on Maximizing the Probative Value of Witness Evidence.
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators (liveryman).