

William Charlesworth

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Construction and engineering

William's practice covers the full range of construction and engineering disputes, including defective workmanship or design, delay and disruption, payment adjudications, variations, terminations, final accounts and Contractors' All Risks ("CAR") matters. His practice sees him appear regularly in the TCC and County Court TCC lists on construction matters, and act for both employers and contractors. William's work includes a particular focus on professional negligence claims against surveyors, architects and other professionals acting in the construction sector.

William has extensive experience in the provision of advice to parties concerning development finance, and has acted on behalf of the senior funder in the operation of step-in rights. William's advice further extends to the provision of advice to industry bodies on the development of professional guidance, including the undertaking of bespoke contracts reviews on behalf of such organisations.

William primary work includes receipt of instructions to act for parties during both adjudications and associated enforcement proceedings. He further provides advice on the merits of case for parties involved in ongoing disputes including the drafting of the associated statements of case.

Examples of recent work include:

- Acting on behalf of the successful Claimants in TCC adjudication enforcement proceedings defended on both natural justice and jurisdictional grounds.
- Acting as Sole counsel for the First Defendant in a 3 day multi-track trial concerning the powers and conduct of a local authority arising from the demolishing of a dwelling property under S.78 of the Building Act 1984
- Advised Freeholder on the prospects of success and quantum of a claim against the Contract Administrator and Contractor resulting from significant water damage arising from defective remedial works of a listed property.
- The representation of a Developer in multi-million pound proceedings brought against both the Contractor and Contract Administrator arising from defective work and/or negligence.
- The representation of a Responding Party in an adjudication seeking a declaration by the Adjudicator concerning the correct interpretation of provision pertaining to nominated sub-contractors.
- Advising a property purchaser in a claim for professional negligence against a building surveyor arising from property defects that were not identified within a pre-purchase building survey.
- Advising a sub-contractor on the prospects of success and quantum in a multi-jurisdictional claim for costs arising out of design modifications.
- Advised Freeholder on the prospects of success and quantum of a claim against the Contract Administrator and Contractor resulting from significant water damage arising from defective remedial works of a listed property.

Academic qualifications

- University of Cambridge – MSt. Construction Engineering
- University of Law – BPTC (Very Competent)
- University of Law – Graduate Diploma in Law
- University of Salford – BSc (Hons.) Quantity Surveying

Scholarships

- Kalisher Trust Advocacy Scholar
- Middle Temple – HHJ Paul Clark Scholarship
- Middle Temple – Blackstone Entrance Exhibition

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Professional Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- RICS, Diploma in Arbitration
- RICS, Accredited Mediator (Civil & Commercial)
- Professional Member, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

Professional bodies

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