



Christopher Edwards

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Construction and engineering

Christopher regularly advises and represents clients in respect of a wide range construction and engineering disputes, ranging from residential property disputes to commercial developments to nationwide installation projects. He has a particular expertise in respect of professional negligence claims in the construction field.

Christopher also has extensive experience of company disputes relating to companies in the construction sector and their guarantors.

Recent and Notable Construction and Engineering Cases

- Advising and acting in numerous claims relating to defective building work at residential and other properties.
- Successfully defending significant adjudication claiming professional negligence in respect of a firm of quantity surveyors and costs consultants. Issues relating to the proper valuation of work carried out under an NEC3 Professional Services Short Contracts.
- Advising in respect of the apportionment of liability between contractors and professionals in a claim for the inadequate provision of heating for a restored medieval church.
- Advising and drafting in respect of a claim arising out of loans to a property development company by a private bank. Issues of economic duress and conduct by the bank.
- Advising on the construction of share purchase agreements, particularly in relation to the sale of companies in the construction sector.

Recent and Notable Professional Liability Cases

- Architect's negligence for wrongly designing reservoir situated on farm.
- Architect's negligence for providing wrong advice as to permitted development rights on a residential property in a green belt location.
- Architect's negligence for failure to correctly supervise installation of new heating in a listed church. Issues of contractual and tortious assumption of duty.
- Numerous claims against surveyors arising from pre-purchase surveys of residential properties.

Academic qualifications

- BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics, St Peter's College, Oxford
- MPhil International Relations, St Antony's College, Oxford

Professional bodies

- Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
- Chancery Bar Association (ChBA)
- Society of Construction Law (SCL)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)