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Practice Overview

Peter is an experienced construction barrister with principal specialities in construction, energy, shipbuilding and technology disputes. He has worked on a range of engineering disputes, including power stations, pipelines, oil rigs, LNG processing facilities, refinery and extraction, biomass and civil infrastructure projects. His work includes arbitrations seated around the World, including Australia, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore and South Africa.

Highly praised by clients for being '*a fantastic barrister*' with a '*good eye for detail*' and a '*real pleasure to work with*' he is recognised in the legal directories noting his '*superior forensic capability enabling him to distil complex points and identify risks and issues*'. He is also ranked in Legal 500 Asia for "*his technical expertise, wider than the law, [which] sets him apart from the others.*"

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Peter is an Honorary Professor at University College London, where he teaches contract administration and law.

Peter also sits on the Bar Council's Information Technology Panel which advises barristers and government departments on the security, data management, GDPR and emergent technologies.

He is an experienced arbitrator (FCIArb), accredited panel adjudicator, and a contributing author of Keating on Construction Contracts and Keating on Offshore Construction and Marine Engineering Contracts.

Recent work includes:

- Lead counsel in $100m ICC arbitration concerning a series of bridge structures in Sydney.
- Representing a major Australian contractor in seven multi-billion dollar arbitration hearings concerning near-shore marine works at a gas processing facility.
- Instructed by the world's largest construction company in a delay and disruption dispute concerning a South African coal-fired power station.
- Instructed by a large Australian contractor in a series of LCIA/DIFC international arbitrations relating to a large UAE-based Mall and luxury residential development.
- Representing a Korean joint venture in a $600 million dispute about a power station in the Middle East.
- Represented a Hong Kong consultancy in a HK$37m domestic arbitration with a Chinese bank.
- Instructed by a Singaporean buyer in an LMAA arbitration with a Chinese yard concerning an offshore platform support vessel.

Practice Areas

International Arbitration

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- Acted for a large Italian energy contractor against a Lebanese subcontractor in a €246 million dispute relating to welding defects in an Algerian pipeline.
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- Instructed by a Singaporean buyer in an LMAA arbitration with a Chinese yard concerning an offshore platform support vessel.
- Represented a Malaysian joint venture on a $300 million international arbitration relating to a Sudanese oil processing facility.
- Instructed in an $11 million international arbitration on demobilisation rights for a semisubmersible oil drilling platform in Australia.
- Instructed to defend a major delay and defects dispute relating to a semi-submersible oil drilling platform constructed in South Korea.

Construction & Engineering

- Lead counsel in $100m ICC arbitration concerning a series of bridge structures in Sydney.
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IT & Technology

- Instructed on behalf of Accenture plc in a £280 million software dispute with British Gas (GB Gas Holdings v Accenture).
- Represented a Hong Kong consultancy in a HK$37 million domestic arbitration with a Chinese bank.
- Advised and drafted proceedings in an action to enforce a software distribution agreement for an anti-virus software product suite.
- Acted for an IT contractor in a web services procurement project for a central government agency.
- Advised a technology start-up company on cloud services contracts.

Energy & Natural Resources

- Representing a major Australian contractor in four multi-billion dollar arbitrations concerning near-shore marine works at a gas processing facility.

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- Instructed by the world's largest construction company in a delay and disruption dispute concerning a South African coal-fired power station.
- Acted for Amec plc in a substantial commercial adjudication relating to a Flue-gas desulfurization at a power station in Aberthaw.
- Instructed in an $11 million international arbitration on demobilisation rights for a semisubmersible oil drilling platform in Australia.
- Represented a Malaysian joint venture on a $300 million international arbitration relating to a Sudanese oil processing facility.
- Instructed to defend a major delay and defects dispute relating to a semi-submersible oil drilling platform constructed in South Korea.
- Instructed on behalf of a biomass contractor in a £4.5 million dispute about the construction of an anaerobic digestion plant in Cornwall.

PFI/PPP

- Instructed (as Junior Counsel to Marcus Taverner QC) by a PFI client in a fire-stopping claim from a UK hospital trust.
- Instructed by a hospital trust in relation to Availability Deductions under a PFI contract.
- Acted for a hospital trust in a construction dispute against a PFI contractor.

Commercial

- Instructed by HM Treasury Solicitor on behalf of the Ministry of Defence in the group litigation arising out of the series of British nuclear tests carried out in Australia and the South Pacific in the 1950s.
- Acted in a High Court dispute relating to the validity of a parent company guarantee.
- Acted in a professional negligence action against an architect for failure to progress works or obtain adequate planning permission.

Infrastructure & Utilities

- Represented Carillion in a £30 million dispute related to a bypass road in the south west of England.
- Junior counsel for Brookfield Multiplex in a £280 million dispute arising out of the construction of the Wembley Stadium.
- Instructed (as Junior Counsel to Peter Fraser QC) by Carillion and Balfour Beatty in a £242 million final account dispute for the East London Line reconstruction works.
- Acted for Amec plc in a substantial commercial adjudication relating to a Flue-gas desulfurization at a power station in Aberthaw.

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- Regularly acts for British Telecommunications plc to secure land rights, recover fees under the New Roads and Street Works Act, and defend damages actions from landowners.

Offshore Construction & Marine Engineering

- Instructed by a Singaporean buyer in an LMAA arbitration with a Chinese yard concerning an offshore platform support vessel.
- Instructed in an $11 million LCIA arbitration on demobilisation rights for a semisubmersible oil drilling platform in Australia.
- Represented a Malaysian joint venture on a $300 million international arbitration relating to a Sudanese oil processing facility.
- Instructed to defend a major delay and defects dispute relating to a semi-submersible oil drilling platform constructed in South Korea.

Professional Negligence

- Acted for Galliford Try plc in a major TCC defects and professional negligence dispute relating to the Broadway Plaza shopping centre in Birmingham.
- Instructed as sole counsel in three High Court claims relating to the negligent design of bathroom ‘pods’ in student accommodation at the Universities of Exeter, Nottingham and Kent.
- Instructed by a major contractor as sole counsel in a £9 million domestic arbitration relating to negligent design and workmanship defects in a residential home in Leeds.
- Acted in a professional negligence action against an architect for failure to progress works or obtain adequate planning permission.
- Defended an architect in a professional negligence and fee dispute claim relating to a luxury private development in Epsom.

Reported Cases

- WOL (London) LLP v Croydon Investments Ltd [2024] EWHC 251 (TCC)
- Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd v Carmarthenshire County Council [2023] EWHC 2269 (TCC)
- Butcher v Hill Partnerships Ltd [2015] EWHC 1703 (TCC)
- CIP Properties v Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd [2015] EWHC 481 (TCC)
- Galliford Try Construction Limited V (1) Arcadis Consulting (UK) Limited; (2) Briggs & Forrester Engineering Services Limited; (3) Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios LLP; (4) Northfield Construction Limited [2025] EWHC 3002 (TCC)
- PHD Modular Access Services Ltd v Seele GmbH All ER (D) 69 (Sep)

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- Windglass Windows Ltd v Capital Skyline Construction Ltd 126 ConLR 118, [2009] EWHC 2022 (TCC), [2009] All ER (D) 17 (Aug)

Other information

Education & Professional Career

- Tenant, Keating Chambers, 2008
- Pupillage, Keating Chambers, 2007
- Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), University of Oxford, 2006
- Bar Vocational Course, Nottingham Law School, 2005
- LLB Law Degree (First Class Hons), London School of Economics, 2002

Additional Information

Peter enjoys cycling and independent travel.

Memberships

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
- Technology & Construction Bar Association
- Society of Construction Law

Seminars & Publications

- Researcher, Keating on Construction Contracts 9th Edition (2012)
- Researcher, Keating on Construction Contracts 8th Edition, 1st Supplement

Recommendations

“Strengths are: Attention to detail, getting straight to the point, well-crafted and succinct drafting, clarity, and excellence in client conferences.”

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2027

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“Able to get to grips exceptionally quickly and well with complicated matters. Written pleadings are excellent. Sharp and knows his own mind.”

Energy, Legal 500 UK Bar 2027

“Meticulous preparation, effective cross-examination, and a delight to work with.”

International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 UK Bar 2027

“Meticulous preparation, effective cross-examination, and a delight to work with.”

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2026

"Peter adopts a very methodical and measured approach to advocacy, and is very well prepared and diligent."

Energy, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Peter is clear and considered when it comes to providing legal advice and obviously has a great understanding of the construction industry."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Peter adopts a very methodical and measured approach to advocacy, which is very effective. He is also very well prepared and diligent. Peter's drafting is clear and comes across as highly persuasive."

International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

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International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

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Energy, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

"Superb on complex construction cases."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

"Peter is a highly organised and incredibly effective operator. He gets through an astonishing amount of work, delivered to top drawer standard. His advocacy style is calm and persuasive, delivered in an appealing manner."

International Arbitration, Legal 500 2023

"Peter knows the cases inside out and is technically leagues above others, and his cross-examinations are terrifyingly probing for the fact witnesses and experts."

Energy, Legal 500 2023

"Peter is brilliant, his drafting is superb, and his document management skills are excellent."

Energy. Legal 500 2022

"A fantastic barrister - sensible, hard-working, and smart. A very good eye for detail, and he understands the underlying technical aspects. A real pleasure to work with."

Construction, Legal 500 2022

"He has a superior forensic capability enabling him to distil complex points and identify risks and issues."

Construction, Energy and Infrastructure, Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021

"A terrific junior, great with clients, strong background with software work."

Construction, Legal 500 2021

"A strong junior who performs well in international arbitration."

Energy, Legal 500 2021

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Construction, Energy and Infrastructure, Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020

"A capable junior with a busy international energy practice."

Energy, Legal 500 2020

"Very user friendly and hardworking."

Energy, Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019

"An impressive and capable junior with an eye for detail."

Construction, Legal 500 2018