

Abdul Jinadu

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Practice Overview

Abdul Jinadu was called to the Bar in 1995 and has been a practising barrister and arbitrator in Keating Chambers since 1996, specialising in construction, engineering and energy disputes, and domestic and international arbitration. He has acted for the full spectrum of clients including construction and engineering companies, government organisations, corporations, public utilities, local authorities, consultancies, architects and engineers. He has extensive experience of cladding related disputes having been instructed on behalf of the Bereaved Survivors and Residents as a specialist construction counsel on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and as counsel in various cladding claims including a £70m claim in the High Court.

He has extensive experience of a wide range of disputes and advisory work relating to infrastructure projects. Significant cases have involved oil and gas onshore and offshore facilities, solar power plants, aluminium smelting plants, pharmaceutical plants, hospitals, mining and marine construction.

He has an extensive international practice both as counsel and as arbitrator. He has acted as chair of the tribunal, sole arbitrator and party appointed arbitrator in respect of major projects internationally including in the GCC, Caribbean, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana and Turkmenistan. Recent appointments include as sole arbitrator in a Tanzanian arbitration, as president of the tribunal in a \$370m ICC arbitration and party appointed arbitrator in a £400m Nigerian dispute.

His arbitrator appointments have included ICC and DIFC-LCIA appointments as well as ad hoc arbitrations.

He also has experience of dispute boards acting both as counsel and dispute board member including as chair of a dispute board for a \$300m road project in Central Africa.

He is a chapter author for Keating on Construction Contracts, Keating on Offshore Construction and Marine Engineering, Keating on NEC, Construction Law in the 21st Century and Oil and Gas Contracts – Principles and Practice. He has lectured on a wide range of subjects to a wide range of professional bodies. He has written articles on a wide range of construction law related subjects.

Practice Areas

Construction & Engineering

- Instructed on behalf of the Bereaved Survivors and Residents as a specialist construction counsel on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.
- Acting for a specialist contractor in a series of hearings regarding the enforcement of adjudication decisions arising from a landmark hotel project.

- Acting for a dredging contractor in a FIDIC Blue Book Dispute Adjudication Board against a Kenyan Government entity in respect of a claim arising from damage to an undersea cable during the course of the works.
- Acting for a Chinese heavy engineering company in respect of the contract for the development of a new container port in Sierra Leone.
- Acting on behalf of a specialist design and build contractor in an adjudication in respect of a dispute regarding the design of glazing for a major office block refurbishment.
- Acting on behalf of a local authority in a dispute concerning ground works.
- Acting in a series of adjudications on behalf of a major UK contractor regarding a high profile residential development in London.
- Acting in a multi-million pound adjudication on a high profile commercial development on behalf of a major UK contractor in London.
- Acting in a series of adjudications on behalf of a major UK contractor regarding a mixed residential and commercial project in the north of England.
- Acting on behalf of a major international construction company on a large adjudication concerning a commercial project in the east of England.
- Advising a major UK construction services company in respect of a claim arising from the Westfield development.
- Acting on behalf of a development company in High Court litigation regarding the redevelopment of educational facilities.

Infrastructure & Utilities

- Acting on behalf of a major contractor in relation to a claim arising from the Jubilee Line extension.
- Advising a major UK construction services company in respect of a claim arising from infrastructure refurbishment works.
- Advising the claimant in an arbitration, between a UK Contractor and the State, concerning a World Bank funded road project in West Africa.

Energy & Natural Resources

- Acting for a Nigerian oil and gas services company concerning a dispute with a UK oil and gas services company regarding an agreement for the provision of services in Nigeria.
- Acting for a UK power company, in a £40m claim concerning power generation equipment.
- Represented a national oil company in US\$40m international arbitration regarding the turnaround maintenance of a major regional oil refinery in the Caribbean.
- Acting on behalf of a Kuwaiti company in an engineering dispute in the oil sector.

IT & Technology

- Acting on behalf of a major defence contractor in an adjudication relating to a major defence information technology project.

International Arbitration

- Acting in a multi party ICC arbitration claim for approximately \$1 billion arising out of a production sharing contract for a deep offshore field involving Nigerian and international parties.
- Acting on behalf of the government of Malawi in an ICC arbitration.

Offshore Construction & Marine Engineering

- Acting in a multi-million pound claim on behalf of an international port operator regarding marine construction works.
- Acting on behalf of a contractor in relation to a claim regarding marine construction works arising from the refurbishment of a key defence establishment.

Arbitrator Appointments

- Appointed as sole arbitrator by the ICC in respect of a dispute arising from the design and construction of a renewable energy plant in East Africa.
- Appointed as sole arbitrator by the ICC in respect of a dispute arising from an oil services contract in West Africa.
- Acting as party appointed arbitrator in a claim arising out of the allocation of crude from a jointly utilised crude transportation pipeline.

Reported Cases

- National House-Building Council v Vascroft Contractors Ltd [2022] EWHC 1881 (TCC)
- Quadro Services Ltd v FP McCann Ltd [2021] 4 WLUK 175
- St Peter Total Building Solutions Ltd v Rhodes [2020] 7 WLUK 198
- Willow Corp. S.A.R.L. v MTD Contractors Ltd [2019] EWHC 1591
- St. Austell Printing Co. Ltd v Dawnus Construction Holdings Ltd [2015] EWHC 96 (TCC)
- WW Gear Construction Ltd v McGee Group Ltd EWHC 1460 (TCC), 131 Con LR 63 TCC, CILL 2884
- JPA Design & Build Ltd v Sentosa (UK) LTD EWHC 2312 (TCC)
- Amec Group Ltd v Universal Steels (Scotland) Ltd BLR 357 (TCC), [2009] EWHC 560 (TCC), 124 Con LR 102
- Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd v Vauxhall Motors Ltd TCLR 2 and [2008] 115 Con LR 149 TCC
- Bodill & Sons (Contractors) Ltd v Harmail Sing Mattu EWHC 2950 (TCC), (2008) CILL 2553

- Quietfield Ltd v Vascroft Construction Ltd All ER (D) 331 CA
 - Quietfield Ltd v Vascroft Contractors Ltd CILL 2329 and [2006] BLM Vol. 23 No. 47 TCC
 - Quietfield Ltd v Vascroft Contractors Ltd All ER (D) 17 TCC
 - Pegram Shopfitters Ltd v Tally Weijl (UK) Ltd 91 Con LR 173 and [2004] BLR 65 CA
 - Rhodia Chirex Ltd v Laker Vent Engineering BLR 75 CA
 - Pegram Shopfitters Ltd v Tally Weijl (UK) Ltd 1 WLR 2082
 - Pegram Shopfitters Ltd v Tally Weijl (UK) Ltd 87 Con LR 39 and [2003] BLR 296 TCC
 - Beck Peppiatt Ltd v Norwest Holst Construction Ltd BLR 316
 - Royal Brompton Hospital NHS Trust v Hammond & Ors (No.8) 88 Con LR 1; [2002] EWHC 2037 (TCC)
 - Royal Brompton Hospital NHS Trust v Hammond & Ors (No 7) 76 Con LR 148 ; EWCA Civ 206
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Other information

Education & Professional Career

- Public Access Training, 2004
- TECBAR Accredited Adjudicator, 2004
- Keating Chambers, 1996
- Pupillage, Keating Chambers, 1995-96
- Called to the Bar (Middle Temple), 1995
- LL.M. Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge 1994
- MA in Law, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge 1993

Additional Information

Abdul has written papers on adjudication and professional negligence. He is an avid Tottenham Hotspurs fan and enjoys military history.

Appointments & Awards

Representative on the Bar Council's International Committee

Memberships

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
- Technology and Construction Bar Association (TEC BAR)
- Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
- Society of Construction Law
- CI Arb (UK)
- Lagos Court of Arbitration
- Directory of African International Arbitrators (DAIA)

Seminars & Publications

- Chapter author, Keating on Construction Contracts – Eleventh Edition (2020)
- Chapter author, Roberts Oil & Gas Contracts: Principles and Practice – Third Edition (2023)
- Chapter author, Keating on Offshore Construction & Marine Engineering Contracts – Third Edition (2024)
- Chapter author, Construction Law in the 21st Century First Edition (2024)

Recommendations

"He is able to formulate difficult points quickly."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Abdul is very quick and insightful."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Abdul is always very well prepared and has a strong understanding of the key issues in a dispute."

International Arbitration: Counsel, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Abdul is extremely bright and very engaging. If Abdul says that he will meet a deadline, he will meet a deadline and the quality of his work is of the highest order."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2025

"Abdul provides excellent advice on the law, and is unruffled in his advocacy. He puts the best arguments forward and good at team management and leadership."

Construction, Legal 500 EMEA 2024

"Abdul's advocacy skills make the other side's witnesses make concessions. He is able to adapt the course of the hearing and tailored his approach to have the maximum impact with the tribunal."

International Arbitration, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

"Abdul remains a doyen of construction law. He is not only highly experienced and extremely knowledgeable, but commercially astute – his tactics are effective and decisive."

Construction, Legal 500 UK Bar 2024

"Abdul is very, very good. He has an excellent international presence."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2024

"Abdul is a very excellent advocate."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2024

'Abdul's greatest strength is his ability to grasp the key factual and legal issues in very complex, fact-heavy construction cases; he knows these key details back to front.'

Construction, Legal 500 EMEA 2023

'Thorough, well prepared and extremely courteous. Reads the tribunal and room well, knowing when (and not) to pursue a point.'

International Arbitration, Legal 500 2023

"Thorough, courteous, displayed excellence both on paper and orally."

International Arbitration, Legal 500 2022

"Abdul is a doyen of construction law. However, he is not only highly experienced and extremely knowledgeable, but commercially astute – his tactics are effective and decisive."

Construction, Legal 500 2022

"He is not only highly experienced and extremely knowledgeable, but commercially astute with effective and decisive tactics."

Construction, Chambers UK Bar 2022

"Reliable, determined and charming with the Bench."

Construction, Legal 500 2021

"He is a very sensible, user-friendly practitioner who gets to the heart of issues quickly."

Construction, Chambers UK Bar 2021

"He's incredibly responsive and very good on paper. He really knows his stuff."

Construction, Chambers UK Bar 2021

"Exceptionally hard working with the ability to simplify the most complex technical issues to achieve the right results for the client."

Middle East: The English Bar, Construction, Legal 500 2021

"Very hard-working and diligent, with excellent response times and user-friendly client service."

Construction, Chambers UK Bar 2020

"He inspires confidence with his good written and oral advocacy skills."

Construction, Chambers UK Bar 2020

"Possesses boundless energy and good strategic vision."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2019

"Extremely experienced and a pleasure to work with. Very accessible and has a keen eye for the commerciality of a dispute."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2018

"He has the ability to articulate a point precisely in order to persuade. He is very easy to deal with, accessible and down-to-earth."

Construction, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2018

"Very knowledgeable as well as quick and thorough in drafting."

Construction, Legal 500 2017