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"An excellent advocate and an absolutely ferocious and thorough cross-examiner."

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Practice Overview

Philip Boulding KC was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1979 and has been a member of Keating Chambers since 1980. He is now based primarily in Asia and specialises in the fields of construction, engineering, technology law and related professional negligence work.

Philip's practice comprises primarily international arbitration work and his clients include local authorities, government departments, major national and international construction and engineering companies, energy and utility companies and developers. He is also a TECBAR accredited adjudicator.

Philip also sits regularly as an arbitrator and has recently acted as Chairman of a DIAC arbitral tribunal in Dubai in relation to disputes arising from the construction of a gas production facility in Iraq as well as the Chairman of a 3-person ICC Arbitral Tribunal concerning a dispute arising out of the construction of an oil facility in BASRA, Iraq. In 2026, Philip was appointed by the Bar Council to its Appointments Services Panel, for appointments as Arbitrator, Expert and Mediator.

Praised as a "hard-working silk and powerful cross-examiner" who "is always there when you need him, quick to respond, very thorough and a brilliant team member", Philip is recommended for his work in Chambers & Partners UK Bar, Global and Asia

Pacific guides, Legal 500 Asia Pacific and Who's Who Legal, as well as in Doyle's Guide as a leading barrister in Hong Kong for construction and infrastructure. Philip has also been recognised by his peers and featured in the 2024 edition of The Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom for his high calibre work in Construction Law. Most recently, Phil was recommended for Construction in the Lexology Index: UK Bar 2026 report.

Recent cases have included:

- Acting for a developer in Hong Kong in relation to the development of a large retail and residential development adjacent to Chek Lap Kok airport, Hong Kong, in a dispute concerning additional costs and delays to the execution and completion of the development consequent upon measures implemented in Hong Kong as a result of and to combat the Covid epidemic.
- Acting for a contractor constructing a large sporting complex in Hong Kong and seeking relief against its employer as a result of additional costs and delays to the execution and completion of the project consequent upon measures implemented in Hong Kong as a result of and to combat the Covid epidemic.
- Acting for multinational professional services firm in relation to a professional negligence claim arising out of the design and supervision of the construction of an iconic bridge in Hong Kong resulting in alleged defects therein.
- Acting for a Fijian financial institution leading a junior from the Sydney Bar in a dispute with an international contractor concerning delays in the completion of and construction defects in a retail shopping centre development in Fiji.
- Acting for a developer in a dispute in Hong Kong arising out the need to demolish and re-build 2 residential tower blocks constructed above an MTR station as a result of defective concrete.
- Acting for a Fijian University in a dispute with its main contractor arising out of the construction of teaching accommodation for the University.
- Acting for a Hong Kong Joint Venture in a dispute arising out of a piling sub-contract relating to the construction of a police station on the site of an old airport in Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- Acting for Hong Kong MRTCL in the high profile Hung Hom Station Public Inquiry (Hong Kong's longest and most expensive Public Inquiry ever) concerning alleged construction defects in the station extension with the potential to cause a danger to the travelling public (which involved being called to the Hong Kong Bar on an ad hoc basis).
- Acting in Hong Kong court proceedings (which involved being called to the Hong Kong Bar on an ad hoc basis) in relation to applications concerning arbitration awards made in respect of disputes arising out of the construction of the XRL railway project between Hong Kong and Beijing (seat of arbitration Hong Kong).
- Acting for a large-scale provider of transport services in Hong Kong in a dispute concerning a substantial redevelopment project of land located in Sheung Wan, Hong Kong.
- Acting for a French contractor based in Singapore in relation to a dispute with a cladding sub-contractor arising out of the construction of a sports complex in Singapore (dispute subject to Singapore law).
- Acting for a Hong Kong contractor in a dispute with a developer concerning a proposed industrial development in Quarry Bay, Hong Kong arising out of the contractor's termination of the contract for non-payment.

- Advising (pro bono) legal representatives acting for participants in a public inquiry into a fire in a residential tower block in London on appropriate expert disciplines, particularly in the field of cladding, to properly represent such participants so far as inter alia the cause of the fire was concerned and how similar disasters should be avoided in future.
- Advising and acting for a joint employer (acting in conjunction with the MTR) against a Korean contractor concerning construction defects in an MTR station in Hong Kong.
- Acting for a Hong Kong plumbing services, air-conditioning and steam plant installation subcontractor against a JV main contractor concerning the construction of a hospital in Hong Kong. The Main Contract adopted the NEC 3 Contract Option A and the Subcontract adopted the Hong Kong Construction Association Domestic Sub-contract form with bespoke amendments.
- Acting for a Joint Venture comprised of internationally known oil and gas companies in relation to a dispute with an Italian construction/engineering contractor arising out of the construction of a 420km LNG pipeline in Queensland, Australia (seat of arbitration Singapore).
- Acting for an Australian company in relation to a dispute with an Australian construction/ engineering contractor arising out of the construction of a gas pipeline in the Northern Territories, Australia (seat of arbitration Singapore).
- Acting as an umpire appointed by the Arbitral Tribunal for the resolution of discrete disputes concerning disclosure of documentation arising out of a dispute concerning an iron ore plant in Western Australia.
- Acting for German sub-contractors in relation to a dispute with a Chinese and Japanese Joint Venture main-contractor arising out of the construction of the XRL railway project between Hong Kong and Beijing (seat of arbitration Hong Kong).
- Acting for a Hong Kong company in relation to a dispute with a casino/hotel operator of a casino/hotel complex in Macau concerning allegedly defective curtain walling, including the Hong Kong company's liability under a guarantee.
- Acting for a Hong Kong developer in a dispute with a Hong Kong Government organisation concerning the construction of an underpass to an MTR station in Hong Kong.
- Acting for a Hong Kong construction and engineering company in relation to the construction of a substantial sports complex in Hong Kong.
- Acting for 8 Hong Kong construction and engineering companies in a 'test case' against a public housing provider in Hong Kong concerning the proper valuation of maintenance/ repair works to public housing tower block.
- Acting for a Hong Kong construction and engineering company in a dispute arising out of the construction of a casino and hotel development in Macau.
- Arbitrations in Hong Kong relating to major housing and mixed hotel/office/housing projects in Kowloon.
- Advising the Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation in relation to the new 'bullet train' railway line between Taipei and Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- Advising contractors working on the Nino Aquino International Airport in the Philippines.
- Acting for a Hong Kong Government Department in arbitration proceedings relating to a dispute arising out of enabling works for the construction of a well-known and internationally recognised theme and leisure park in Hong Kong.

- Advising and acting for a Singaporean shipbuilding company working out of China in relation to two separate and unrelated sets of arbitration proceedings arising out of the construction of vessels to be used, amongst other things, for the decommissioning of offshore oil and gas structures.
- Advising (under Philippine law) a Macanese company in relation to the suspension of a project in Macau comprising the construction of a casino resort and hotel complex due to financial problems experienced by the USA owners.
- Advising and acting for Irish contractors involved in disputes on contracts with West Indian government departments relating to the construction of roads and associated infrastructure works in the Caribbean.
- Advising and acting for Irish contractors involved in a dispute on a contract relating to the construction of a motorway in Ireland.
- Advising and acting in arbitration proceedings arising out of a dispute between a Hong Kong sub-contractor and an Australian main contractor concerning the construction of an 88km length of highway in the Philippines, with the dispute being subject to Philippine Law (sum in issue US\$20M+).
- Advising and acting for a Hong Kong Government Department in relation to a dispute with an international construction company.
- Advising an international contractor specialising in the design and installation of railway signalling works in respect of a dispute with a Japanese corporation arising out of the construction of the CKS International Airport Access MRT System, Taiwan.
- Acting for a Hong Kong construction and engineering company in arbitral proceedings concerning a project for the Peoples' Liberation Army, Hong Kong.
- Acting for an Australian mining company in relation to a dispute arising in connection with a mining contract for the exploitation of coal at the Khushuut Mine, Mongolia.
- Acting for a South African consultancy company in an arbitration concerning the greenfield development of iron deposits in the Republic of Guinea, Africa, involving the design and construction of mines and mining infrastructure, approximately 655km of railway and port facilities.
- Acting in an arbitration for a Japanese Joint Venture involved in the construction of a Maritime Self Defence Force Base in Djibouti, Africa for the Japanese Defence Force.
- Acting for a hotel management company involved in an arbitration concerning a dispute with a Chinese property development company relating to the construction of a hotel in Beijing, China (PRC law, dispute value approximately US\$18m).
- Acting for a Hong Kong based contractor against the Hong Kong Government in arbitration proceedings arising out of the construction of a public recreational park in the New Territories.
- Acting for Australian contractors involved in a dispute over the construction of a cigarette factory in the Philippines.
- Acting for Korean contractors in relation to a large engineering project in Singapore and an International JV involved in a dispute arising out of the construction of a railway in Scandinavia.

- Advising a commercial trading/investment organisation on the issues involved in gas emissions trading under the auspices of the Kyoto Protocol.

Practice Areas

Construction & Engineering

- Acting in Hong Kong court proceedings (which involved being called to the Hong Kong Bar on an ad hoc basis) in relation to applications concerning arbitration awards made in respect of disputes arising out of the construction of the XRL railway project between Hong Kong and Beijing (seat of arbitration Hong Kong).
- Acting as an umpire appointed by the Arbitral Tribunal for the resolution of discrete disputes concerning disclosure of documentation arising out of a dispute concerning an iron ore plant in Western Australia.
- Acting for a Hong Kong company in relation to a dispute with a casino/hotel operator of a casino/hotel complex in Macau concerning allegedly defective curtain walling, including the Hong Kong company's liability under a guarantee.
- Acting for a Hong Kong plumbing services, air-conditioning and steam plant installation subcontractor against a JV main contractor concerning the construction of a hospital for the Hong Kong Government.
- Acting for a Hong Kong developer in a dispute with a Hong Kong Government organisation concerning the construction of an underpass to an MTR station in Hong Kong.
- Acting for a Hong Kong construction and engineering company in relation to the construction of a substantial sports complex in Hong Kong.
- Acting for 8 Hong Kong construction and engineering companies in a 'test case' against a public housing provider in Hong Kong concerning the proper valuation of maintenance/ repair works to public housing tower blocks.
- Acting for German sub-contractors in relation to a dispute with a Chinese and Japanese Joint Venture main-contractor arising out of the construction of the XRL railway project between Hong Kong and Beijing.
- Acting for a Hong Kong Government Department in arbitration proceedings against a Spanish construction and engineering company concerning a dispute arising out of the construction of a bridge and associated roads and infrastructure in Kowloon, Hong Kong.
- Acting for Hong Kong contractor in a dispute with an airport authority concerning the construction of new facilities at Chep Lap Kok airport, Hong Kong .
- Acting for a Hong Kong construction and engineering company in a dispute arising out of the construction of a casino and hotel development in Macau.
- Acting for a Hong Kong based construction company in relation to a dispute with its JV partners concerning the development of a casino/hotel complex in Macau (including references to the Independent Disputes Referee under the JV Agreement).

- Advising contractors designing and constructing a motorway in Ireland in relation to a claim for unforeseen archaeological conditions against the employing a Government Department – Claim value £40m.
- Acted for the Hong Kong Airport Authority on various substantial actions arising out of the construction of the Chek Lap Kok International Airport in Hong Kong, as well as the associated MTR station.
- Advised and acted in arbitration proceedings in Singapore for a major international airline on disputes over a new hangar for jumbo jets.
- Acting for a major supermarket chain in a TCC action in the UK regarding the construction of a multi deck car park.
- Advised and acted for civil engineers in TCC proceedings in the UK regarding a fire at a cold storage unit.
- Acted for a subsidiary of a major international corporation on arbitration proceedings in the UK relating to the development of a landfill site in the Midlands and the escape of toxic substances therefrom.
- Advising property developers in relation to loss and expense claims regarding a substantial residential development in the North West of England.
- Acted for a multi-national JV in arbitration proceedings relating to the construction of the Tsing Ma Bridge suspension bridge in Hong Kong.
- Advising and acting in arbitration proceedings for an international JV in a dispute with the designers of the Kap Shui Mun Bridge, Hong Kong.
- Advising the Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation in relation to the construction of and disputes relating to the high speed 'bullet train' project in Taiwan linking Taipei and the south of the island.
- Acted for a sub-contractor on disputes relating to the construction of RORO car ferries in Belfast, N. Ireland.
- Advising Australian contractors involved in a dispute arising out of the construction of a cigarette factory in the Philippines.
- Acting for an International JV involved in a dispute with a Scandinavian Government arising out of the construction of a metro system.
- Advising a UK rail company in relation to a subsidence claim against a mining company resulting in damage to railway tracks, interrupted services and a large claim for repair costs and consequential losses.
- Acting for a Hong Kong steel supplier in a dispute with a Macau casino owner arising out of the cancellation of the steel. The dispute was subject to the Laws of Macau and the seat of arbitration was Macau.
- Acting for a British/Japanese JV in a dispute with an Asian Government department arising out of the design and construction of a bridge linking Hong Kong Island with Chek Lap Kok airport.
- Acting for European contractors engaged by a Hong Kong corporation for two substantial diaphragm wall sub-contracts concerning the MTRC Express Rail Link.
- Acting for a Hong Kong curtain walling company on claims arising out of construction works at Hong Kong University.
- Acting for a Hong Kong construction company on an adjudication concerning the construction of service facilities at Chek Lap Kok airport, Hong Kong.

- Acting for a Hong Kong contractor in a dispute with an airport authority concerning the construction of new facilities at Chep Lap Kok airport, Hong Kong.
- Acting for Hong Kong joint venture partners in relation to a dispute with the Airport Authority Hong Kong concerning the construction of the Airport Skyplaza extension adjacent to Chek Lap Kok airport, Hong Kong.
- Acting in an arbitration for a Japanese Joint Venture involved in the construction of a Maritime Self Defence Force Base in Djibouti, Africa for the Japanese Defence Force.
- Acting for a Hong Kong construction and engineering company in arbitral proceedings concerning a project for the Peoples' Liberation Army, Hong Kong.
- Acting for a Hong Kong piling sub-contractor in relation to a project to construct a special school for the physically disabled in Area 16, Tuen Mun, Hong Kong.
- Acting for a Hong Kong contractor involved in a substantial dispute referred to adjudication relating to a development at Chep Lap Kok airport, Hong Kong.
- Acting for a hotel management company involved in an arbitration concerning a dispute with a Chinese property development company relating to the construction of a hotel in Beijing, China (PRC law).

Energy & Natural Resources

- Acting for a Joint Venture comprised of internationally known oil and gas companies in relation to a dispute with an Italian construction/engineering contractor arising out of the construction of a 420km LNG pipeline in Queensland, Australia.
- Acting for an Australian company in relation to a dispute with an Australian construction/ engineering contractor arising out of the construction of a gas pipeline in the Northern Territories, Australia.
- Acting for an EC Bank in an adjudication in relation to a dispute concerning a nuclear energy facility (claim value Eur41m).
- Acting for a major power generation equipment manufacturer in relation to a dispute concerning the construction of a power plant in the UK incorporating a steam turbine.
- Acted for a South American engineering company in ICC arbitration proceedings arising from the design, fabrication and construction of an oil pipeline, pumping stations and associated communication system and marine oil terminal in East Africa.
- Acting for a multinational JV in arbitration proceedings relating the construction of an oil treatment and stabilisation facility in the Middle East.
- Advised a major Italian oil and gas construction contractor regarding a facility comprising of an oil treatment and stabilisation and gas compression facility.
- Advised and acted in arbitration proceedings in Singapore for a regional subsidiary of a major oil company concerning issues relating to the fabrication of oil rig platforms in Brunei to be erected in the South China Sea.
- Advised various customers of the British Nuclear Fuels Industry on disputes over the terms of agreements concerning the safe treatment and disposal of nuclear waste.

- Acted for a network utility company in adjudication and court proceedings regarding delay and defects claims arising from the laying of a gas pipeline.
- Advising an oil and gas company on the contract documentation relating to the opening up of a new oil field in the North Sea.
- Advising and acting in an Expert Determination for a construction company on environmental issues arising out of the construction of a power station in Northern England.
- Acting for a Texan company involved in a Technology and Construction Court dispute arising out of work carried out to a North Sea oil and gas rig.
- Acting for a British construction company in a dispute with a Korean company arising out of the development of a Heavy Naptha Hyrotreater and Continuous Catalytic Regeneration Platform Unit and new 66kv/12kv Substation at the Point-A-Pierre refinery in Trinidad – seat of arbitration New York.
- Acting for an Australian mining company in relation to a dispute arising in connection with a mining contract for exploitation of coal at the Khushuut Mine, Mongolia.
- Acting for a South African consultancy company in an arbitration concerning the greenfield development of iron deposits in the Republic of Guinea, Africa, involving the design and construction of mines and mining infrastructure, and approximately 655km of rail and port facilities.

Professional Negligence

- Acting for an architectural company in Hong Kong in relation to professional negligence proceedings arising out of the design and construction of cladding works to a prestigious Hong Kong academic institution.
- Arbitration proceedings in Hong Kong concerning the enforceability of an insurance policy issued by a Hong Kong insurer which was intended to indemnify the contractor in respect of injuries to and deaths of its workers caused by an explosion in a fabrication yard.
- Acting for a Hong Kong Government Department in arbitration proceedings alleging negligence against its professional advisers in connection with the design and construction of a tunnelling scheme.
- Acting for international engineering consultancy in proceedings alleging breach of contract and/or professional negligence arising out of the construction of an iconic bridge in Asia.
- Acting for a leading architect's practice which is being sued in the TCC (together with the contractors) for alleged design/workmanship defects in substantial improvement works carried out to one of the world's most famous and prestigious tennis stadiums (claim value approximately £5m).
- Advising a UK local authority in relation to claims against its professional team arising out of the substantially increased cost of constructing a new school in Dorset (contract value £20m+).
- Acting for a Hong Kong Government Department in arbitration proceedings alleging negligence against its professional advisers in connection with the design and construction of a bridge.

IT & Technology

- Acted for a technology company in an intellectual property case against a Swiss company relating to the manufacture worldwide of Ball Grid Array products and Microvias using laser technology for use in electrical products such as mobile telephones.
- Acted for a major Hong Kong based corporation in dispute with Japanese manufacturers of computerised quay cranes for use at the Hong Kong container port.
- Acted for the Port Authority in Singapore in a dispute arising out of faulty computer technology installed in bridge cranes supplied by Japanese manufacturers.
- Advising a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company in relation to claims relating to time over run on the installation of a unified computer system.
- Advised and acted in arbitration proceedings for an international computer company in relation to the provision of an enhanced computerised ticketing system (the London Oyster Smartcard which was intended to replace the existing magnetic strip type tickets) for the London Underground railway system and London buses which was designed, amongst other things, to increase revenues and reduce fraudulent transactions.

Arbitration (including sitting as an arbitrator)

- Acting as co-arbitrator on 3-person panel in an ICC arbitration in a dispute between Chinese contractor and Jordanian employer arising out of the construction of an oil shale fired thermal power plant in Jordan, pursuant to the terms of an EPC contract. Seat of arbitration Hong Kong.
- Chairman of a 3-person ICC Arbitral Tribunal concerning a dispute arising out of the construction of an oil facility in BASRA, Iraq (seat of Arbitration – Paris).
- Acting as sole arbitrator appointed by the HKIAC (seat of arbitration Hong Kong) in a dispute between a Hong Kong construction and engineering company and an international Joint Venture arising out of a sub-contract for the placing of sand reclamation, Geotextile, Silt Curtain and Perimeter Mound works.
- Acting as Umpire in an UNCITRAL arbitration seated in Singapore between a Korean Corporation and an Australian mining corporation concerning a dispute arising out of a sub – contract for the construction of certain port landside works on an iron ore project in Western . The Umpire was required to determine a dispute which arose during the course of the proceedings over the application of without prejudice privilege to various materials and allegations, the parties having agreed that the law of Western Australia applied to this aspect of their dispute.
- Acting as Chairman of an arbitral tribunal appointed under the DIAC Rules concerning a dispute between two Iraqi companies concerning a dispute in Iraq arising out of the construction of a gas production facility at Badra in the Republic of Iraq (seat of arbitration Dubai, A.E.).
- Appointed by the International Chamber of Commerce as co-arbitrator on a dispute relating to commercial property in Bahrain.
- Appointed sole arbitrator on a matter relating to a commercial property complex in the Caribbean.

- Appointed sole arbitrator on an engineering dispute in the United Kingdom.
- Appointed sole arbitrator on a dispute between a property developer and contractor concerning a development on Humberside.
- Appointed co-arbitrator (3-man panel) on ICC arbitration concerning construction dispute in Qatar (place of arbitration Doha, Qatar). Qatar Law.
- Appointment as sole arbitrator on a dispute between a construction company and the Hong Kong Government (place of arbitration Hong Kong).
- Appointed co-arbitrator (3-man panel) in an arbitration between a company incorporated in Scotland and a company incorporated in the Netherlands arising out of a contract for the construction of a second series of cell productions lines. Seat of arbitration – Hong Kong.
- Appointed as co-arbitrator in an ICC Arbitration arising out of the construction of a large coal-fired power plant in the Far East, seated in Singapore and under English Law.

Adjudication (including sitting as an adjudicator) and mediator

- Acting as adjudicator in a dispute between a London hospital and a medical supplier providing equipment for the treatment of cancer.
- Acting as adjudicator in a dispute between a railway service provider and engineering professional arising out of a contract for civil works and railway signalling installation, railway signalling design, E&P testing and commissioning in the SE of England (claim value approximately £30m).
- Acting as mediator in a dispute between a leading retail DIY store and a paint supplier in relation to breach of a vendor supply agreement – Claim value £10m.
- Acted as adjudicator on two adjudications relating to target price mechanisms.
- Acted as adjudicator on a £35 million commercial development dispute relating to damages for defects and delay.
- Acted as mediator on a dispute relating to the construction of a shopping centre in the North of England.

Reported Cases

- Maeda Corporation and Another v Bauer Hong Kong [2020] HKCA 830
- Sha Tin Central Rail Link Inquiry
- Multiplex Constructions (UK) Ltd v Honeywell Control Systems Ltd BLR 167 TCC
- Maersk Oil UK Ltd (formerly Kerr-McGee (UK) Plc v Dresser-Rand (UK) Ltd EWHC 752 (TCC)
- T v B [2021] HKCFI 3645 [Philip's decision made in his capacity as arbitrator upheld by the Hong Kong High Court].

- Maeda Corporation And Another V Bauer Hong Kong [2020] HKCA 830
- Safeway Stores v Interserve All ER (D) 07 TCC
- Hong Kong Arbitration Award Con LJ Vol. 21 No. 4 321
- Directory of Historic Key Reported Cases involving Members of Keating Chambers Various

Other information

Education & Professional Career

- B.A. (Law) (1st Class Honours) Downing College, Cambridge University
- Scholar of Downing College, Cambridge University
- Harris Scholar, Downing College, Cambridge University
- Pilley Scholar, Downing College, Cambridge University
- Rebecca Flowers Squire Scholar, Awarded by the Cambridge University Law Faculty
- Senior Harris Scholar, Downing College, Cambridge University
- Postgraduate LL.M., Downing College, Cambridge University
- Gray's Inn Holker Entrance Award
- Gray's Inn Senior Holker Award
- MA, Cambridge University
- Called to the Bar (Gray's Inn) (1979)
- Keating Chambers (1980 – to date)
- Committee Member of the Official Referees' Bar Association (now Technology and Construction Bar Association) (1994 – 1999)
- Queen's Counsel (1996)
- Called to Hong Kong Bar (1996 – first of many ad hoc calls)
- Former Chairman, Keating Chambers Pupillage Committee (1997 – 2006)
- Elected Bencher of Gray's Inn (2006)
- TECBAR Accredited Adjudicator (2004 to date)
- Public Access Training (2004 & 2014)

- Former member of Gray's Inn Continuing Education Committee
- Consultant Editor of the Construction Law Reports (2006 to date)
- Contributor to Keating on Construction Contracts (2007 to date)
- Committee Member of Technology and Construction Bar Association (2008 – 2012)
- Appointed Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Panel of Arbitrators (2012)
- Approved Mediator, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (2014)
- Approved Arbitrator, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (2014)
- Course Director HKIAC Adjudicator Training Course (2015)
- Recommended International Arbitrators of PIAC (2016)
- Advisor to Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel of the Institute of International Experts Limited (2023)
- Bar Council Appointments Services Panel (2026)

Additional Information

- Cambridge Rugby 'Blue'
- Former member of Cambridge University Hawks Club Committee
- Former Hon. Sec. of Cambridge University R.U.F.C
- Represented England U-23 XV
- Represented Bedford R.U.F.C. 1st XV
- Former President Cambridge University Amateur Boxing Club
- Former Vice-President Cambridge University Amateur Boxing Club
- Former Governor of Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge
- Current Senior President, Downing College 'Griffins' (the Downing College elite sporting society)

Philip is a regular contributor as both speaker and Chairman of Construction Conferences held in the UK and abroad.

Memberships

- HKIAC Panel of Arbitrators
- Technology and Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)

Seminars & Publications

- Delivering lecture entitled 'The Expert Witness – what is really required' - October 2024

- Organising and delivering lecture at Expert Training Seminar for the Institute of International Experts, Hong Kong – November 2023
- Speaker at KL Gates' Hong Kong Arbitration Week seminar on the topic of 'Is procedural (un)fairness abused in international arbitration'.
- Speaker at Mayer Brown, Hong Kong seminar on Hong Kong Security of Payment legislation (October 2023)
- Speaker at online conference on Construction Disputes: Law, Tactics and Practice for the Legal Training Consultancy (July 2023)
- Construction Adjudication In The Uk 25 Years On – What Do We Know? (February 2023)
- Speaker for the Hong Kong Institution of Construction Adjudicators on the topic of 'Construction Adjudication in the UK 25 years on – lessons for Hong Kong (December 2022)
- SCL Hong Kong one day conference – MONEY TALKS – PAYMENT & CASH FLOW IN CONSTRUCTION – Chairing and speaking on the panel presenting "Security of Payment and Adjudication" in Hong Kong (November 2022)
- Panel Member on 'The Relevance and Role of Experts in Determination of Construction Disputes' on the Society for Construction Law India Conference (December 2021)
- Panel Members Hewitt Decipher Webinar – Preparing for Disputes [2021]
- Contributor to Keating on Construction Contracts – 11th edition (and Supplements)
- Panel member on Webinar delivered for the Hong Kong SCL entitled 'Lessons from the Commission of Inquiry' following on from Philip representing Hong Kong MTRCL in the high profile Hung Hom Public Inquiry (September 2020)
- Delivering lecture entitled 'Experts Beware!' at the Hong Kong SCL Annual General Meeting (2020)
- Panel member on 'The Valuation of Change' at SCL Hong Kong International Conference 2019 on 'Change Management and Claims'
- Delivering lecture on course entitled 'Adjudication in Hong Kong and Introduction to CI Arb (EAB) Adjudication Training Course' (2019)
- Delivering lecture entitled 'Expert evidence in international arbitrations – what is really required?' for the ASCE-HK IDRA Construction and Law Lecture series (2019)
- Panelist at the Deacons Inaugural Construction Forum in Hong Kong (24 April 2018) discussing trends in international construction projects
- Contributor, 2nd & 3rd Supplements to Keating on Construction Contracts – 10th edition (2016)
- Recent and future developments in the construction industry (Nov 2017) – speaker and panelist – Hong Kong Society of Construction Law one day international conference
- Presenting a case in Mediation – a QC's perspective (June 2017) Hong Kong Society of Construction Law AGM

- Academy of Experts, Hong Kong (November 2016) – Where is the Line for Experts and How to Avoid it
- Contributor, Keating on Construction Contracts – 10th edition (2016)
- Society Construction Law Hong Kong Half Day Workshop – Adjudication: Practice, pitfalls and issues (2015)
- Deacons, solicitors, client seminar – “What is really required from an expert witness” (2015)
- Hong Kong Mediation Council (Jan 2014) – Mediation advocacy
- Academy of Experts, Hong Kong (March 2014) – ‘Hot-tubbing’ of expert witnesses
- Hong Kong Government Department of Justice “Expert witness immunity, or lack of it, after Jones v Kaney” (2013)
- Construction Mediation interest Group of the Hong Kong (2013)
- Mediation Counsel – Mediation panel session 2013
- “The Role of the expert witness, a QC’s perspective – Society of Construction Law Hong Kong 2013
- Keating Chambers Hong Kong Seminar – “NEC 3: Knotty Problems and Practical Guidance” [Chairman]
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (South East Asia Branch, Hong Kong) – The decisions in Jones v Kaney (2011)
- Hong Kong Society of Construction Law – The End of Expert Immunity (2011)
- An Introduction to Hong Kong Arbitration – Law and Hong Kong Department of Justice (July 2010)
- “The Assessment of Damages by Experts” – The Academy of Experts, London (March 2009)
- “The Local Democracy, Economic Development & Construction Bill – Cambridge Forum for the Construction Industry (2009)
- “The new JCT suite of contracts” – various venues in the UK during 2006
- “Global Claims” – Society of Construction Hong Kong (August 2006)
- “The New Engineering Contract: A Progress Report” – Society of Construction Law, Hong Kong (Oct 2006)
- Contributor, Keating on Construction Contracts – Ninth Edition Editors: The Hon Sir Vivian Ramsey and Stephen Furst QC 29 February 2012 (plus Supplement Summer 2013).
- TECBAR – Jones vs Kaney: The end of expert immunity Philip Boulding QC TECBAR Review – Autumn Issue 2011
- Asian Dispute Review (October 2011) – The Immunity of Expert Witnesses and the Impact of Jones v Kaney
- Consultant Editor and contributor to the Construction Law Reports
- Contributor, Keating on Construction Contracts – Eighth Edition Editors: The Hon Sir Vivian Ramsey & Stephen Furst QC 13 October 2006

Recommendations

"Philip is exceptionally smart and able to get to the crux of the matter and focus the experts, clients and solicitors on what really matters."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Phil is a masterful advocate and cross-examiner whose formidable presence in construction and energy arbitration is unmatched."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2026

"Without a doubt the best advocate I have had the pleasure of working with. Philip is always able to get to the crux of the matter very quickly."

International Arbitration, Chambers Asia-Pacific 2025

"He's very hard-working and very diligent in all aspects of his particular scope of work, and he leaves no stone unturned."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Philip Boulding's performance is of the highest standard."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"He's sharp, witty, persuasive, thoughtful and strategic."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"He is a gifted and devoted advocate with the highest critical thinking skills."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Philip is a doyen in his fields of expertise."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"He has worked extensively on both domestic and international cases, and he has a real ability to get across all facets of the case."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Philip is probably the most experienced silk out here."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"He's ferociously hard-working and very experienced."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

"Philip Boulding is a formidable counsel and cross-examiner."

International Arbitration: Construction/Engineering, Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2025

One of the brilliant silks.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024

Ferocious cross-examiner.'

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024

A doyen in his field. He is a gifted and devoted advocate with the highest critical thinking skills and a very strong work ethic. He is a joy to work with.

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024

"An excellent advocate and an absolutely ferocious and thorough cross-examiner."

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022

"He's a very good advocate, we get a lot out of his very detailed cross-examination and he really does prepare; he knows the case from top to bottom."

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific 2022

"Incredibly hard worker who is really at the top of his game."

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific 2022

"A wealth of experience in complex disputes in Hong Kong and around Asia. He is accessible, user-friendly and finds clever and simple solutions for difficult tactical and legal issues."

Legal 500 UK Bar, 2022

"Popular in the Far East - very nice and gregarious, very experienced."

Legal 500 UK Bar 2021

"Pre-eminent counsel in international construction disputes."

Legal 500 UK Bar, 2020

"Accessible, precise and down-to-earth. He gives great technical, legal and practical advice, derived from decades of experience in different common law jurisdictions around the world."

Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2019

"One of the star construction silks - he is very well-known in Asia, where most of his work is."

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019

"One of the big hitters in Hong Kong, whom the Chinese construction market knows very well".

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific 2018

"He is fantastic with clients and works collaboratively with my team."

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific 2018

"An exuberant and highly intelligent performer who has a strong practice in Hong Kong."

Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2018

"A popular choice for Hong Kong construction disputes."

Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2018

"I've heard him called the attorney general of Asian international arbitration."

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific 2018

"A very forceful advocate and ferocious cross examiner."

Chambers Global 2017

"He is very impressive, hands-on and client friendly."

Chambers & Partners UK Bar 2017
