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- Adjudication
- Mediators
- International Arbitration

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Practice Overview

John Marrin QC specialises in construction, engineering and energy-related disputes. His experience also extends to various other technical fields such as computer software, rail and supply disputes in the oil and gas sector.

John Marrin has practised from Keating Chambers for over 35 years. He served as Head of Chambers from 2005 to 2010. Until 2017, he represented a wide variety of clients in the High Court, the Court of Appeal, the House of Lords and the Supreme Court in England and before various other domestic and international tribunals.

He is a former Recorder of the Crown Court and a former Deputy High Court Judge, sitting both in the Queen's Bench Division and in the Technology and Construction Court. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and he is named on various arbitration panels internationally. John Marrin has long experience of acting as an adjudicator and as a mediator. He is a TECBAR Accredited Adjudicator and a CEDR Accredited Mediator.

John Marrin now practises primarily as an Arbitrator.

Some representative appointments

Arbitration

Appointed to chair arbitration tribunals:

- In adhoc proceedings concerning an LNG plant in Oman.
- In adhoc proceedings relating to the construction of a shopping mall in Dubai.
- In adhoc proceedings concerning failures in the piled foundations of an office block in Singapore.
- In a dispute under UNCITRAL rules relating to the upgrade of steam turbines at a power plant in Estonia.
- By the ICC in proceedings concerning the construction of a water and power plant in Oman.
- By the DIAC in proceedings concerning a major earthworks contract in Dubai.
- By the ICC in proceedings relating to the construction of an hotel in Tajikistan.
- By the ICC in proceedings concerning the refurbishment of a power plant in Trinidad.
- In two disputes governed by the Indian Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1996 relating to the refurbishment of steam turbines at a power plant in Uttar Pradesh.
- By the ICC in proceedings relating to a contract for operation and maintenance services for a gold mine in the Republic of Guinea.
- By the DIAC in proceedings concerning a new office block in Dubai.
- By the ICC in a dispute relating to the refurbishment of steam turbines at a power plant in the Philippines.
- By the ICC in a dispute concerning the termination of a contract for cladding works in Saudi Arabia.
- By the HKIAC in a dispute relating to the termination of a contract for the supply of wafers for use in solar panels.
- By the ICC in proceedings relating to the construction of three power plants in Saudi Arabia.
- By the ICC in proceedings relating to the construction of an explosives factory in Western Australia.

“A good, pleasant and cerebral chair; very hardworking and diligent.”

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Appointed as a party-nominated arbitrator:

- In adhoc proceedings relating to a major hydro-electric power project in Pakistan.
- By the ICC in proceedings relating to a new industrial plant installation in Jordan.
- By the LCIA in proceedings relating to the construction, operation and management of a waste disposal plant in the South of England.
- In adhoc proceedings relating to welding defects discovered in a major refinery in Kazakhstan.
- In ICC proceedings concerning the termination of a contract for the construction of office premises in Moscow.
- In adhoc proceedings relating to the termination of a major Government software contract.
- In DIAC proceedings relating to the construction of a new airport terminal in Dubai.
- By the LCIA in a dispute relating to turbine foundations at a wind farm in the North Sea.

- By the ICC in tri-partite proceedings relating to the termination of a gas-supply contract in the Middle East.
- In adhoc proceedings relating to the construction of a new power plant in India.
- In ICC proceedings relating to the construction of a new airport terminal in Oman.
- By the ICC in a dispute relating to the construction of a container terminal in the Middle East.
- By the ICC in proceedings concerning the construction of a water and power plant in Bahrain
- By the LCIA in relation to a dispute concerning oil liftings in the North Sea.
- In ICC proceedings relating to the construction of a new airport in Qatar.
- By the ICC in proceedings relating to the construction of infrastructure facilities for a new city in Qatar.
- By the ICC in proceedings concerning welding defects in the components of a gas fired power plant.
- In SIAC proceedings relating to the supply and construction of steel structures and mechanical plant for the handling of iron ore in North West Australia.
- By the LMAA in proceedings concerning the construction and sale of four semi-rigs for use in the North Sea.
- In adhoc proceedings concerning the decommissioning of a nuclear power plant in Eastern Europe.
- In HKIAC proceedings concerning the design of a water park in Hong Kong.
- By the ICC in proceedings concerning the quality of materials used in the construction of various commercial aircraft.
- By the ICC in proceedings relating to the termination of a contract for the construction of a metropolitan railway installation in the Middle East.

“A very strong black letter lawyer and a heavyweight arbitrator in the construction world.”

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Arbitrator appointed as a sole arbitrator:

- In adhoc proceedings concerning the failure of piled foundations of two residential blocks in Hong Kong.
 - By the HKIAC in proceedings relating to the construction of a public housing estate in Hong Kong.
 - In adhoc proceedings concerning the installation of a new communications system throughout the London Underground.
 - In RIDR proceedings relating to the charges recoverable by a rail franchise company.
 - By the ICC in a dispute between joint venture parties relating to a project in Romania.
 - By the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (“the DIAC”) in a dispute relating to the construction of car parking facilities.
 - By the SIAC in a dispute relating to a fire at an amusement park.
 - By the ICC in a dispute relating to multiple civil engineering works contracts in Ghana.
 - By the Institution of Civil Engineers in relation to an earthworks contract in the UK.
 - In ICC proceedings concerning defects in plants installed in connection with the
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decontamination of a uranium mining site in Northern Australia.

- In tri-partite SIAC proceedings concerning the termination of a contract for the construction of an ethanol plant, a power plant and a sewerage treatment plant in the Phillipines.
- In adhoc proceedings concerning the construction of residential premises in Hong Kong.

Adjudicator:

- Dispute relating to the quality of maintenance services a hospital under PFI contract.
- Five separate disputes relating to rail construction works.
- Dispute between an SPV and an NHS Trust relating to management services to be provided under PFI contract.

Mediator:

- Dispute relating to a football stadium.
- Dispute relating to the construction of two drilling platforms.
- Dispute relating to the sale of a private jet.

Reported Cases

- **MT Hojgaard A/S v E.ON Climate & Renewables** [2017] BLR 477, [2017] UKSC 59
- **Lanes Group Plc v Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd (t/a Galliford Try Rail)** [2011] EWCA Civ 1617
- **Reinwood Ltd v L Brown & Sons Ltd** [2008] BLR 219, [2008] UKHL 12
- **Reinwood Ltd v L Brown & Sons Ltd (No. 2)** [2009] BLR 37, [2008] EWCA Civ. 1090
- **Rolls Royce Power Engineering Plc v Ricardo Consulting Engineers Ltd** [2005] 98 Con LR 169 TCC
- **AMEC Civil Engineering Ltd v Secretary of State for Transport** [2005] 1 WLR 2339 CA, [2005] Con LJ Vol. 21 No.8 p.640 CA, [2005] 101 Con LR 26 CA, [2005] CILL 2228 and [2005] BLR 227 CA

Education & Professional Career

MA in Law, Magdalene College, Cambridge	1973
Called to the Bar, Inner Temple	1974
Queen's Counsel	1990
Assistant Recorder of the Crown Court	1993
CEDR Accredited Mediator	1993
Recorder of the Crown Court	1997 - 2014
Deputy Judge of the Technology and Construction Court	1997 - 2014
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)	1998
Bencher of the Inner Temple	2002
Deputy High Court Judge	2008 - 2014

Seminars, Publications & Papers

- Concurrent Delay 18 Construction Law Journal 436, 2002.
- Concurrent Delay Revisited, Feb. 2013, SCL Paper No. 179.
- Multiple Party Actions in Arbitration, Oxford University Press: Chapter entitled "Multiparty Arbitration in the Construction Industry", 2009.

Additional Information

From 2005-2010 John Marrin was the Head of Keating Chambers, having previously served both as Treasurer and as Deputy Head of Chambers. He regularly presents papers on topics relating to the Construction Industry and International Dispute Resolution. He supervises students undertaking MSc studies in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution at King's College, University of London.