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Areas of practice

— Construction & Engineering

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Practice overview

Professor Michael Furmston is an internationally-acknowledged authority on contract and commercial law. The author of the leading textbook Cheshire Fifoot & Furmston on Contract (15th edition 2006) and Editor of the Construction Law Reports since 1985, his published work extends to 18 books and many dozens of articles, chapters and other contributions.

An eminent academic, he has taught at Oxford, where he was a Fellow of Lincoln College, at Bristol, where he was Dean of the Faculty of Law and Pro Vice Chancellor, as well as other institutions of international standing. He was appointed Emeritus Professor at Bristol in 1998 and recently Dean and Professor at Singapore Management University's School of Law.

Professor Furmston was called to the English Bar in 1960 (Gray's Inn) and has been a Bencher of Gray's Inn since 1989. He appeared in the House of Lords in *Ruxley Electronics and Construction Ltd v Forsyth* on the measure of damages for defective construction and has acted as consultant to many clients, owners, contractors and consultants on commercial and construction law.

Recent Cases

Current Appointments

2008	Door Tenant, Keating Chambers
August 2007	Dean, School of Law, Singapore Management University
July 2007	Professor of Law, Singapore Management University

Previous Appointments

Lectureships in Law at Birmingham University and Queens University, Belfast
Lecturer in Law and Fellow of Lincoln College, University of Oxford
Lecturer in Law, Council of Legal Education, London
Dean of Faculty of Law and Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Bristol (Emeritus Professor and Senior Research Fellow 1998)

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Visiting Professional Appointments

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
City University, London
National University of Singapore
University of Sydney
University of Melbourne Law School

Consultancies

Selected clients have included:

ATT
Betec Ltd
Booker-McConnell
British Waterways Board
Control & Electrical Services Ltd
Davy Bamag
Alun Griffiths Civil Engineering
Hereford and Worcester County Council
Hill Leigh Ltd
Nick Holland Design

Karran Products Ltd
Mander Raikes and Marshall Consulting Engineers
Pardoes, Solicitors
Rockware Kingspeed Ltd
P. Rogers & Sons, Crossmaglen
Schweppes Ltd
Straininstall
Turner Grain Holdings Ltd

Editorial Work

Editor, Construction Law Reports
Member, Editorial Board, Construction Law Journal
Member, Editorial Board, Professional Negligence
Member, Editorial Board, Journal of International Banking Law
Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Contract Law
General Editor, Butterworths Law of Contract

Journal Articles

Numerous publications in:

Modern Law Review, International Comparative Law Quarterly
University of Toronto Law Journal, Northern Ireland Law Quarterly
Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, Construction Law Journal
Journal of Contract Law, New Zealand Law Journal
Journal of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
(and many other journals)

Education & Professional Career

Exeter College, Oxford	1953
1st Class Final Honours School of Jurisprudence	1956
1st Class B.C.L	1957
1st Class Bar Exam Michaelmas Certificate of Honour	1960
Called to the Bar (Gray's Inn)	1960
Bencher, Gray's Inn	1989

Additional Information

Professor Furmston is close follower of English cricket and is a member of the MCC.