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Areas of practice

- Arbitration
- Adjudication
- Mediators
- International Arbitration

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Practice overview

John Marrin QC has practiced from Keating Chambers since 1976 and served as Head of Chambers between 2005 and 2010. As Counsel, he represents clients primarily in the High Court and the Court of Appeal in England and before various other national 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, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a CEDR Accredited Mediator.

He is frequently appointed to act as arbitrator in both domestic and international disputes. He has acted as arbitrator in cases relating to projects located in more than 34 countries. He is regularly appointed to chair tribunals. He has long experience of acting as a sole arbitrator, as an adjudicator and as a mediator; and he has acted as the Chairman of a Dispute Adjudication Board.

His experience encompasses all aspects of the construction, engineering and energy sectors, as well as software disputes; supply disputes in the oil and gas sector; and disputes arising in the real estate and transport sectors.

Recent work as counsel

- Representing the contractor in the House of Lords on an adjudication appeal.
- Representing the employer in an appeal to the Supreme Court.
- Advising on termination rights under a ship building contract.
- Advising contractor on the quantum of damages in a procurement dispute.

Recent appointments

Arbitration

Arbitrator appointed as a sole arbitrator:

- 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 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.
- By the SIAC in a dispute relating to a fire at an amusement park.

“An absolutely first-class arbitrator”...“He has a real ability to zero in on the important stuff.”

Chambers UK Bar, 2015

Appointed as party-nominated arbitrator:

- In an ad hoc arbitration relating to the termination of a major software contract.
- By the LCIA in a dispute relating to turbine foundations at a wind farm in the North Sea.
- By the ICC in a tri-partite dispute relating to the termination of a gas-supply contract.
- By the ICC in a dispute relating to the construction of an airport terminal in the Middle East.
- By the ICC in a dispute relating to the construction of a container terminal in the Middle East.
- By the LCIA in relation to a dispute concerning oil liftings in the North Sea.

Appointed to chair arbitration tribunals:

- 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 a dispute relating to the refurbishment of steam turbines at a power plant in the Philippines.
- By the DIAC in a dispute relating to termination of a construction contract in Dubai.
- In a dispute under UNCITRAL rules relating to the upgrade of steam turbines at a power plant in Estonia.
- 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 supply of solar panels to India.

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.

*“As an arbitrator he is balanced, impartial
and very competent.”*

Chambers UK Bar, 2015

Mediation

- 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 Højgaard A/S v E.ON Climate & Renewables* [2015] BLR 431
- *Lanes Group Plc v Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd (t/a Galliford Try Rail)* [2011] EWCA Civ 1617
- *Reinwood Ltd v L Brown & Sons Ltd CA* [2009] BLR 37
- *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 and [2005] CILL 2189 TCC (the meaning of ‘dispute’ and the operation of Clause 66 of the ICE standard form)

The above are some recent reported cases.

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

Seminar, publications & Papers

- Concurrent Delay 18 Construction Law Journal 436 John Marrin QC, 2011.
- Multiple Party Actions in Arbitration, Oxford University Press: Chapter entitled "Multiparty Arbitration in the Construction Industry" John Marrin QC, 2009.

Additional Information

From 2005-2010 John Marrin QC 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.