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Areas of practice

- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Professional Negligence
- International Arbitration
- Procurement & Competition
- Adjudication

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Practice overview

David was called to the Bar in 2010. He became a tenant at Keating Chambers, following successful completion of his pupillage, in September 2011.

David has undertaken a wide range of construction, IT, professional negligence and procurement work, gaining experience in litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation, often on repeat instruction. He has worked with numerous standard-form contracts, including FIDIC, NEC, and many of the JCT forms, providing advice to individuals ranging from private home-owners to large property-development companies. He has substantial court experience, having represented various clients in the County and High Courts both for interim applications and at trial.

David has also been instructed on numerous occasions as junior counsel in larger construction disputes, notably having been instructed in two separate arbitrations arising out of wind farm projects, with sums in issue of £300 and £100 million respectively. He enjoyed taking on a high level of responsibility in these cases, including drafting witness statements, opening submissions, closing submissions and cross-examination for discrete areas of the claim worth in excess of £2 million. Building upon this experience, more recently David worked for a number of months as junior counsel to Marcus Taverner QC in *Accolade Wines Limited v GJ3 Limited* and others, a complex multi-party dispute which was one of the biggest cases to come before the TCC in recent years.

David has also worked internationally, most recently having spent time in Doha in connection with a substantial arbitration there.

Recent Cases

Construction & Engineering

- Instructed as junior counsel to Marcus Taverner QC in Accolade Wines Limited v GJ3 Limited and others, a claim arising out of defects at a wine distribution warehouse which was listed for an 8 week TCC trial with sums in issue in excess of £150 million. The claim settled during the second week of trial.
- Drafting Particulars of Claim against a contractor arising out of a defective office refurbishment (claim value £1 million).
- Advising a contractor on its rights to payment under a JCT Intermediate Building Contract 2011.
- Advising a contractor on its rights to recover loss and expense under a JCT Intermediate Building Contract 2005.
- Advising a major home developer on the application and interpretation of a JCT Minor Works Contract.
- Advising an employer in connection with the non-performance of a contractor of its obligations under a JCT Intermediate Building Contract.
- Drafting a Defence and Counterclaim to a claim for alleged misrepresentations and defective construction work (claim value £200,000).
- Representing the Defendant in a 3-day multi track trial concerning defective stonework.
- Representing the Claimant in a 4-day multi-track trial concerning defective tiling works.
- Representing the Claimant in a fast-track trial concerning unpaid fees for plumbing and gas-pipe installation works.
- Instructed as sole counsel in arbitration proceedings arising out of overcharging for electricity (claim value £140,000).
- Advising in connection with potential proceedings relating to the installation of a failed IT system.
- Advising a homeowner in respect of an insurance claim made as a result of a collapsed wall which had been rejected by the insurer (claim value £50,000).
- Settling proceedings in a claim for breach of a joint venture agreement arising out of the provision of pontoon hire services (claim value £130,000).

Energy & Natural Resources

- Instructed as junior counsel in arbitration proceedings arising out of delays and cost overruns on a wind farm project (claim value £300 million).
- Instructed as junior counsel in arbitration proceedings concerning various disputes arising out of a wind farm project (claim value £100 million).

Professional Negligence

- Drafting Particulars of Claim and written opening submissions against an Architect in a domestic arbitration in connection with cost overruns and delays on a construction project (claim value £4 million).
- Advising on and drafting proceedings for a six-figure professional negligence claim against an architect and project supervisor.
- Drafting High Court proceedings in connection with inadequately prepared Bills of Quantities.
- Settling proceedings in a professional negligence claim against an architect and an engineer in respect of a defective retaining wall (claim value £50,000).
- Drafting a Defence in a claim against a surveyor for an alleged overvaluation of a property (claim value £170,000).
- Settling loss of a chance proceedings against a solicitor in respect of a claim which had been allowed to become time barred.
- Representing the Claimant in a Pre-Trial Review at the TCC in a professional negligence claim against an engineer (claim value £1 million).

Education & Professional Career

TECBAR-Accredited Adjudicator	2013
Tenant, Keating Chambers	2011- Present
Pupil, Keating Chambers	2010-2011
Bar Vocational Course, BPP (Very Competent)	2009-2010
LLM, St. John's College, Cambridge (1st Class, 4th in year)	2008-2009
Cunningham Scholarship, St. John's College, Cambridge	2009
Wright Prize, St. John's College, Cambridge	2009
Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn	2008
Hardwicke Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn	2008
MA (Law), St. John's College, Cambridge	2005-2008
Mears Scholarship, Warwick School	2005

Languages

German (basic)

Additional Information

David is a keen musician and sportsman. He plays the piano and violin, played University tennis at Cambridge and also enjoys skiing.