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Areas of practice

- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Natural Resources
- PFI/PPP
- Professional Negligence
- IT & Technology
- Offshore Construction & Marine Engineering

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Practice overview

Piers has established a reputation as a “formidable advocate” and a “superb fighter” in the many trials that he has conducted. His advocacy is engaging and persuasive, and he is a tenacious cross-examiner. His written work is described as “first class”.

Piers has wide experience of construction, engineering, energy, shipbuilding and IT disputes, and professional negligence within these areas of expertise. He has an “excellent grasp of complex technical issues” including engineering, delay analysis and forensic accountancy. He is known for his meticulous preparation and the clear and attractive presentation of his client’s case to the tribunal.

Since taking silk, Piers has continued to be instructed to appear in substantial and hard-fought TCC trials. These include a high-profile dispute concerning the Athletes’ Village for the London 2012 Olympics. He represented the Claimant in a termination case involving a petrochemical plant (*SABIC UK Petrochemicals v Punj Lloyd*), and the Claimant building owner in a multi-party dispute concerning defects in a large residential development (*Greenwich Millennium Village v Essex Services Group and Others*). In both these cases, his clients were successful. Piers has also appeared before both domestic and international arbitral tribunals in high-value shipbuilding and construction disputes.

Piers also has an extensive advisory practice and is known for his “keen legal acumen and commercial insight”.

Recent Cases

Construction & Engineering

- Represented the main contractor in a TCC trial regarding the construction of the Athlete's Village for the London 2012 Olympics.
- Advised and represented local authorities and contractors in claims arising out of major infrastructure projects.
- Advised and represented a Korean contractor in an ICC arbitration concerned with a port facility in the Middle East.
- Advised and represented clients in various proceedings to enforce adjudicators' decisions, including successfully defending such proceedings on the basis of breach of natural justice, and winding up proceedings in the Companies Court.

“A formidable advocate”...“He produces first-class written work and gives well-considered and measured advice.”

Chambers UK Bar, 2015

Energy & Natural Resources

- Represented the successful Claimant in the trial of a £15 million claim regarding the termination of a contract to construct a petrochemical plant.
- Obtained an injunction on behalf of a UK Oil Company to compel a contractor to complete pipeline work in North Sea under contract subject to CRINE conditions.
- Acted for a UK bio diesel producer in a dispute with the designer and manufacturer of chemical plant.
- Advised a Korean contractor in relation to contracts for the construction of a power station in Qatar.

PFI/PPP

- Advised the UK government on a multi-billion PFI contract.
- Advised and represented NHS Trusts and major UK contractors in adjudication and Dispute Resolution Board proceedings arising out of PFI projects for the design and construction of hospitals.
- Advised the main contractor in connection with one of the UK's largest PPP schemes, concerning waste water treatment facilities.

Professional Negligence

- Acted for the contractor in a claim against consulting mechanical and electrical engineers relating to the alleged negligent installation of a nitrate storage facility.
- Advised and represented a national house builder in a high value claim against specialist planning solicitors.
- Advised a national museum in connection with a negligence claim against Danish architects.
- Defended surveyors against claims for negligence arising from the valuation of a property that subsequently suffered from subsidence.

IT & Technology

- Advised and represented a client in a multi-million pound ICC arbitration involving computerised design development and CNC programming.
- Advised and represented an insurer in TCC litigation arising out of the malfunction of a computerised building management system.

Offshore Construction & Marine Engineering

- Represented the owner in a dispute regarding a £500 million specialist vessel constructed in Korea.
- Represented the owner in an arbitration concerning design defects in a high-speed passenger ferry.

Selected Reported Cases

- *Paice v Harding (t/a MJ Harding Contractors)* 10 March 2015 (unreported) [2015] EWHC 661 (TCC); BLR 345
- *Greenwich Millennium Village v Essex Services Group and Others* [2014] EWHC 1099 (TCC), [2013] EWHC 3059 (TCC), 151 Con LR 1, [2014] TCLR 4
- *SABIC UK Petrochemicals v Punj Lloyd* [2013] EWHC 2916 and 3202 (TCC), [2014] BLR 43
- *Lanes Group PLC v Galliford Try Infrastructure Limited* [2011] EWHC 1035, 1234 and 1679 (TCC), [2011] BLR 438
- *Forest Heath District Council v ISG Jackson Ltd* [2010] EWHC 322 (TCC)
- *Linklaters Business Services v McAlpine Ltd & Ors* [2010] EWHC 2931, 133 Con LR 211
- *Tai Ping Carpets UK Ltd v Arora Heathrow T5 Ltd* [2009] EWHC 2305 (TCC), [2009] 127 Con LR 43, [2009] BLR 601
- *Balfour Beatty Construction Northern Ltd v Modus Corovest (Blackpool) Ltd* [2008] BLM Vol.26 No.1 TCC, [2008] EWHC 3029 (TCC), [2009] CILL 2660
- *Benfield Construction Ltd v Trudson (Hatton) Ltd* [2008] EWHC 2333 (TCC), [2008] CILL 2633
- *Westwood Structural Services Ltd v Blyth Wood Park Management Company Ltd* [2008] EWHC 3138 (TCC), [2009] CILL 2666
- *Hiscox Syndicates v The Pinnacle* [2008] EWHC 145 (Ch); [2008] 5 E.G. 166 (C.S.)
- *PT Building Services Ltd v ROK Build Ltd* [2008] EWHC 3434
- *Felton Construction v. Liverpool City Council* [2007] EWHC 3049 (TCC)
- *British Airways v. Apogee Enterprises* [2007] 111 Con LR 200
- *Gray and Sons Builders (Bedford) Ltd v Essential Box Company Ltd* [2006] All ER (D) 285 TCC, [2006] EWHC 2520 (TCC), 108 Con LR 49, [2006] CILL 2395
- *S&W Process Engineering Ltd v Cauldron Foods Ltd* [2005] All ER (D) 205 TCC
- *Mowlem plc v Stena Line Ports Ltd* [2005] CILL 2198 TCC
- *Lovell Projects Ltd v Legg and Carver* [2003] 89 BLR 452 TCC
- *Guardi Shoes Ltd v Datum Contracts* [2002] CILL 1934 Companies Court
- *All-in-One Design Limited v Motcomb Estates Limited* [2000] Times Law Reports 4th April
- *Ahmad Ali-Naimi v Islamic Press Agency Incorporated* [1998] CILL 1443 in the High Court (Official Referee) and [2000] BLR 150 in the Court of Appeal

Education & Professional Career

Bachelor of Laws, University of Bristol	1992
Ashworth Scholar, Inner Temple	1992
Inns of Court School of Law (Overall Grade – Outstanding)	1992-93
Treasurer's Prize and Jardine Studentship, Inner Temple (for highest Bar Finals mark in Inner Temple)	1993
Called to the Bar (Inner Temple)	1993
Pupillage, Keating Chambers	1993-94
Keating Chambers	1994
TECBAR Accredited Adjudicator	
Public Access Training	2007

Memberships

Technology and Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR)
Society of Construction Law
Society for Computers and Law

Seminars, Publications & Papers

- Contributor, Keating on Construction Contracts, Ninth Edition (2012)
 - Contributor, Keating on NEC3
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Additional Information

Piers is a keen cyclist and participates in races in the UK and occasionally on the continent. He also enjoys travel, theatre and music.