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Keating Chambers has unparalleled expertise and experience in construction law. Our “*outstanding silks and juniors*” are specialist advocates, committed to providing the best legal advice, in conjunction with a practical strategic understanding of the commercial pressures specific to the construction industry, and the highest standards of client care.

We have “*formidable*” experience in all the stages of a construction dispute: from EU procurement issues and early initial advisory work, to mediation, adjudication and litigation or arbitration. Our members appear in the UK Courts (primarily the TCC and Commercial Court) and in international arbitration, frequently in relation to contracts governed by foreign law. They are familiar with domestic and international, and on- and offshore, standard forms of contract, and differing contract structures such as PFI/PPP. We have appeared in many of the landmark construction cases, and continue

regularly to represent clients in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. Our barristers act in the very highest value and most significant project disputes in the world.

We are the authors of the seminal practitioner textbook in the field, Keating on Construction Contracts (now in its 10th Edition). Our expertise is augmented by our experience in construction professional negligence and disputes in other project-related sectors such as energy, offshore construction and marine engineering, and infrastructure and utilities.

The talent of our barristers and the dedication of our staff are reflected in Chambers’ success in the directories (top-ranked in construction in both The Legal 500 and Chambers UK Bar Guide for many years) and the multitude of awards we have won.

Members of Keating Chambers are committed to providing training and development to clients and can offer complimentary in-house training seminars on a broad range of construction topics. Please contact our clerks for more information ([clerks@keatingchambers.com](mailto:clerks@keatingchambers.com)).



## ABOUT KEATING CHAMBERS

Keating Chambers is a leading set of commercial barristers' chambers, with a thriving domestic and international practice. Members specialise in providing their services across the areas of construction (onshore and offshore), energy, engineering, infrastructure, procurement, property, professional negligence, shipbuilding and marine engineering, and technology (including IT and Telecoms).

Members have a genuine breadth of advocacy and advisory experience across all types of disputes. They provide advisory services on all the internationally

recognised forms of contract including FIDIC, NEC, IChemE, LOGIC, SAJ and AWES, and regularly act in disputes concerning bespoke contracts, often amended to some degree from these standard forms. They also have extensive experience with PPP, PFI, and partnering and alliancing contracts. Members regularly appear in the various divisions of the High Court – but especially in the Technology & Construction Court and the Commercial Court – and also the Court of Appeal, the Privy Council and Supreme Court. Their expertise in alternative dispute resolution covers domestic and international arbitration, adjudication (statutory and

contractual), mediation, dispute review boards and expert determination.

Senior members are also frequently appointed as arbitrators by many of the world's leading appointing bodies, such as the ICC, LCIA, DIAC, HKIAC, KLRAC and SIAC. They are also appointed directly by parties to arbitrations under ICSID and UNCITRAL rules. Members act as experts on English law in overseas jurisdictions, and some members have rights of audience in other jurisdictions (such as Dubai (DIFC), Hong Kong SAR, New Zealand, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland).



- **Accolade Wines v GJ3 and others** – 6-party dispute (one of 2014's biggest cases in the TCC) concerning the defective design and construction of a floor system at an operational wine house.
- **MT Højgaard v E.ON Climate & Renewables** – Dispute arising out of variations to a contract to install the foundations for wind turbine generators (currently on appeal to the Supreme Court).
- **Greenwich Millennium Village v Essex Services Group & Others** – Court of Appeal case concerning issues of liability arising out of flood damage caused by defects in the mechanical installation in a block of residential flats.
- **Hackney Empire v Aviva Insurance Ltd** – Long running litigation in the TCC and Court of Appeal, acting for the theatre on its claim for money owing under a performance bond.
- **Paice v Harding** – Court of Appeal case following a series of adjudications regarding the termination of a contract to construct a number of residential properties.
- **Wilson & Sharp Investments Ltd v Harbour View Developments Ltd** – Court of Appeal case concerning the new insolvency provisions in Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act.
- **Rendlesham Estates & Others v Barr** – Multi-party £20m claim under the Defective Premises Act concerning severe defects in a block of flats.

- **Reddington v Galliford Try** – Dispute between contractor and sub-contractor regarding the construction of the Athlete's Village for the Olympic Park in London (both parties were represented by members of Keating Chambers in this £15m TCC trial).
- **CIP v Galliford Try** – High value multi-party dispute arising out of defects at a shopping centre, involving three applications leading to important interlocutory judgments including one related to cost budgeting.
- Acting in technical dispute in the TCC relating to Nickel Sulphide inclusions in the glass and whether the glass was produced in accordance with the contract, together with correct remedial works and quantum issues.
- Acting in a high profile damages claim arising from the defective design and construction of a retail centre's carpark.
- Acting for the defendant contractor in a \$150m termination dispute arising out of the construction of a large petroleum research facility in the Middle East.
- Acting in a multi-billion dollar ICC arbitration relating to the construction of a hospital complex in Qatar.
- Acting in a multi-million pound claim relating to alleged design errors in the construction of a substantial road viaduct in Hong Kong.

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