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# About Keating Chambers



*Keating Chambers is a leading set of commercial barristers' chambers based in London, United Kingdom. Barristers at Keating Chambers have been prominent in the Middle East and Gulf regions for nearly 20 years and continue to be instructed in the largest, most complex and technical, and highest value disputes arising from the region.*

*With over 60 barristers (including 26 silks) we have the strength in depth across the range of seniorities to support our clients' needs. We also have a number of international members, who are permanently based in either Africa, Australia, Hong Kong or Singapore, enabling us to provide commercial and practical advice, together with a first rate flexible and client-focused service, worldwide.*

Members specialise in providing their services across the areas of construction (onshore and offshore), energy, engineering, infrastructure, procurement, property, professional negligence and technology (including IT and telecoms).

Members have a 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, 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.

Their expertise in alternative dispute resolution covers domestic and international arbitration, adjudication (statutory and contractual), mediation, dispute review boards and expert

determination. Specialists in advocacy, their ability to offer incisive and critical cross examination in conjunction with expertise in presenting a case in the best possible way is of great value to clients.

Senior members are also frequently appointed as arbitrators by many of the world's leading appointing bodies, such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and other overseas centres including Dubai (DIAC), Hong Kong (HKIAC), Malaysia (KLRAC), Singapore (SIAC) and Vietnam (VIAC). 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).

Our Clerking Team is renowned for the relationships they foster with clients. The team of 10, headed up by CEO and Director of Clerking, Declan Redmond, are widely praised for being responsive, efficient, commercial and user-friendly. They are contactable outside UK working hours to ensure they provide a first-class service to our international clients.

*“Keating Chambers remains ‘the leading set for construction litigation by a country mile’ as well as ‘a trusted partner for international arbitration.’”*

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## CONSTRUCTION, ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE EXPERTISE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

“The first port of call for construction cases”, Keating Chambers has unparalleled expertise and experience in construction law and our barristers are authors of the seminal practitioner textbook in the field, Keating on Construction Contracts (now in its 10th Edition).

Our members have been instructed as counsel or arbitrator in connection with high-profile major construction projects throughout the Middle East. Notable cases in the region have arisen from disputes involving airports, oil and gas, roads, rail, water, high-rise

buildings, hotels, factories and marine/dredging (including disputes between JV partners).

With a number of our barristers having a dual qualification in engineering, including civil, electrical and chemical, we are well-equipped to handle disputes involving complex technical issues. In addition to advising on technical aspects, such as design and construction related issues, we also deal with regulatory matters and contractual interpretation of bespoke agreements and standard form contracts such as FIDIC.

*“Home to a formidable bench of outstanding silks and juniors, Keating Chambers continues to be seen as a go-to set for complex construction, engineering, energy and natural resources and infrastructure disputes.”*

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- Acting for a joint venture contractor in a multi-billion ICC arbitration arising out of the termination of a hospital project in the Gulf.
- Acting for a contractor on a final account claim of in excess of \$100 million against a developer on a landmark residential tower in Dubai.
- Acting for contractor in multi-million dollar arbitration arising out of the Qatari Dolphin Gas Project.
- Multi-billion dollar arbitration relating to the construction of the new metro in Dubai (under UAE law).
- Contractor’s termination claims arising out of the construction of an international airport in Qatar.
- Acting for an engineering contractor in an ICC arbitration concerning a JV dispute arising out of the construction of a major utility facility in the Middle East.
- Representing contractor in DIAC arbitration relating to the construction of the Dubai International Airport.
- Represented BAE Systems in multi million pound TCC litigation concerning the design and installation of computer systems in Saudi Arabia.
- Appointed by ICC as sole arbitrator in respect of dispute over consultancy fees for a road construction project in Qatar.
- Acting for the contractor in a \$150 million ICC arbitration concerning the construction of a large-scale petroleum research facility in Saudi Arabia.
- Advising a Middle Eastern government agency in relation to multi-billion dollar claims arising out of the construction of the world’s largest fully automated urban light rail system.
- Acting for the main contractor in an ICC arbitration concerning a final account claim for a supertall skyscraper in Dubai (under UAE law).
- Acting for an Abu Dhabi fabricator in relation to disputes, under UAE law, concerning the construction of drilling platforms.
- Acting as leading counsel in Dubai for the employer in a \$250m dispute relating to a road project in Afghanistan.
- Appearing before the Dubai World Tribunal in relation to a claim by a Dubai World development company against a number of land owners.
- Acting for a sub-contractor in a final account and delay claim involving a water treatment plant in Oman.
- Acted as mediator in 4-day mediation in Doha of a multi-billion dollar dispute relating to a complex infrastructure project in Qatar.
- Arbitrator in US \$100 million ICC arbitration concerning a process plant in KSA.

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