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Keating Chambers enjoys a strong reputation for providing all manner of construction & engineering law advice and handling a vast array of disputes. This platform has enabled many members to develop considerable expertise in marine construction in the offshore sector and technical marine engineering matters, and they are instructed to advise in many international shipbuilding disputes. This experience extends not only to vessels destined for the oil and gas industries, such as FPSOs and jack-ups, but also to ferries, cable laying, naval and general cargo vessels and luxury yachts.

Members are regularly instructed as counsel, or receive appointments for ADR, in connection with many high-profile major offshore, shipping & marine engineering projects, including instructions relating to expedited arbitrations between owners and shipbuilders in relation to specific alleged defects in construction. The international aspect of this work means that members have acted for or against many of the major shipyards worldwide.

Many of the issues in offshore construction and shipbuilding are the same faced by any complex construction

contract and, as construction specialists, members of Keating Chambers offer a different perspective on offshore construction cases to general commercial practitioners. Noticing a gap in the market for a text from this perspective, a team of barristers from Keating Chambers have recently launched *Keating on Offshore Construction and Marine Engineering Contracts*, demonstrating their comprehensive knowledge and expertise in this field.

This book provides in-depth guidance on the agreements involved in the

construction of ships, rigs and other offshore vessels and structures. It examines the main standard form agreements in the industry, covers issues related to payment, performance, change and termination, and examines the growing influence of land based construction case law (providing in-depth commentary of relevant authorities). It equips marine construction lawyers with a one-stop reference on all aspects of modern shipbuilding and offshore engineering contracts and for dealing effectively with the problems that may arise.

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), engineering, energy, infrastructure, procurement, professional negligence, shipbuilding & 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, JCT, LOGIC, SAJ and AWES, and 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, Hong Kong SAR, New Zealand, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland).



EXAMPLES OF RECENT REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- *Adyard Abu Dhabi v SDS Marine Services* Shipbuilding dispute in the Commercial Court – one of the leading cases on delay and the prevention principle.
- Acting for a Singaporean shipyard in relation to a substantial marine arbitration (under LMAA rules).
- Acting for the Defendant in connection with an alleged commercial fraud concerning the purchase of an oil platform in Brazil.
- Counsel for the employer in a technical shipping dispute arising out of a project for the design and construction of 30 ships.
- Acting for the main contractor in a multi-million pound ICC arbitration concerning a large offshore wind farm.
- *Bluewater Energy Services BV v Mercon Steel Structures BV* Multi-million pound high court litigation regarding the construction of a soft yoke mooring system in the Caspian Sea.
- Advising in relation to disputes arising out of the construction of luxury super-yachts.
- Appearing in an LCIA case for a major drilling rig owner against a contractor arising out of claims relating to a rig charter in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Acting in a dispute regarding the recovery of the contract price for the construction of two semi-submersible drilling rigs.
- Advising in relation to a substantial LCIA arbitration in respect of the construction of a significant FPSO.

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