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Areas of practice

- Adjudication
- Defect claims
- Bonds & Guarantees
- Construction & Engineering

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Practice overview

Lars Gladhaug was called to the Bar in 2018 and will become a tenant at Keating Chambers in 2023, following the successful completion of his pupillage.

During his pupillage at Keating, Lars gained particular experience of High Court adjudication matters (enforcement and resisting enforcement). He also gained experience of defect claims and bond claims, along with litigation matters across the spectrum of Chambers' specialisms. He has worked on matters involving JCT and NEC standard form contracts, as well as bespoke agreements.

Lars was the winner of the Society for Construction Law's 2022 SCL Hudson Prize, for his paper on recent developments in the law relating to building safety and the Defective Premises Act of 1972.

Before joining Keating, Lars worked as in-house counsel for a market-leading financial technology company based in London, where he was involved in or responsible for a wide range of matters including contract drafting and negotiations, strategic outsourcings, assurance audits, financing, and submissions to financial and economic regulators.

Lars accepts instructions to advise, draft pleadings and represent clients in relation to a broad range of commercial matters, with an emphasis on construction and engineering, energy, offshore construction, and technology disputes.

Recent work

Adjudication

- Assisted with trial of a Part 8 challenge to the enforcement of an adjudicator's decision.
- Assisted with trial of a Part 8 application seeking declaratory relief in relation to adjudications compromised by a creditors' voluntary arrangement.
- Assisted with advising on jurisdictional challenges in an adjudication arising from interim payment applications.

Defect claims

- Assisted with resisting an application for permission to appeal a first instance decision concerning the accrual of a claim for professional negligence against a structural engineering consultancy.
- Assisted with drafting particulars of claim on behalf of a building owner for breach of contract and negligence against an architect and structural engineers for the defective design of weatherproofing at a coastal housing development.
- Assisted with drafting particulars of claim on behalf of a building owner for negligence, breach of contract and breach of duty under the DPA against a design and build contractor for installation of combustible curtain walling and defective design of fire safety measures.
- Assisted with advising on the recoverability of damages under the DPA in a claim against structural engineers for defective structural designs in a residential tower block.
- Assisted with drafting particulars of claim on behalf of a building owner for breach of contract and negligence against a design and build contractor for installation of combustible cladding.

Bonds & Guarantees

- Assisted with drafting particulars of claim seeking declarations as to the validity of performance bonds.

Construction & Engineering

- Assisted with advising a city council as to the recoverability of damages for loss of a temporary sports facility caused by severe weather.
- Assisted with advising a building owner as to the recoverability of damages for loss of rental income under the DPA.

Education & Professional Career

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| Pupil, Keating Chambers | 2022-2023 |
| Legal Counsel, Fnality International Limited | 2019-2022 |
| Legal Intern, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre | 2019-Q1 |
| The City Law School, Bar Professional Training Course (Very Competent) | 2017-2018 |
| The City Law School, Graduate Diploma in Law (Commendation) | 2016-2017 |
| University of Oxford, MSt in US History (Distinction) | 2015-2016 |
| University of Cambridge, BA Hons in History (First Class with Distinction) | 2011-2014 |

Awards & Scholarships

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| Lincoln College, University of Oxford, Kenneth Swards-Shaw Scholarship | 2015-2016 |
| The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, CPE/GDL Scholarship | 2016-2017 |
| The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, Albion Richardson BPTC Award | 2017-2018 |
| Society for Construction Law, SCL Hudson Prize 1st Winner | 2023 |

Languages

English

Norwegian