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Areas of practice

- Construction & Engineering
- International Arbitration
- Adjudication
- Bonds & Guarantees

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Practice overview

Lars specialises in Keating's core practice areas of construction & engineering, infrastructure, energy, international arbitration, and technology. He provides advice, drafting and representation at all stages of litigation and other dispute resolution processes. He joined Keating as a tenant in 2023 following completion of his pupillage.

Lars has recently been instructed:

- As sole counsel in the High Court (TCC) to resist an application for specific disclosure by a main contractor.
- As sole counsel in the TCC to seek enforcement of an adjudicator's decision.
- As part of the counsel team led by Simon Hughes KC in a £400m ICC arbitration concerning waste management infrastructure in Qatar.
- As sole counsel to defend a claim against a main contractor in the High Court (TCC) concerning a new-build house warranty.
- To advise an architectural practice in relation to novel duties owed by principal designers under the Building Regulations.

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 at a market-leading fintech startup based in London.

Recent work

Construction & Engineering

- Appeared as sole counsel for a main contractor to resist an application for specific disclosure in the High Court (Birmingham TCC).
- Instructed to appear at trial for the claimant telecoms provider in a breach of contract dispute in the Birmingham County Court.
- Drafting the Defence for a housebuilder in a High Court (TCC) claim relating to a new-build house warranty.
- Drafting Particulars of Claim on behalf of the claimant contractor in a dispute concerning non-payment for varied works.
- Advising and drafting Particulars of Claim on behalf of the claimant homeowners in a dispute concerning defective works and the contractor's failure to remove equipment following termination of contract.
- Drafting Particulars of Claim on behalf of the claimant contractor in a dispute relating to sums owed on a re-valuation of renovation works.
- Assisting with the Defence in a Part 8 claim concerning delay damages under an NEC3 engineering sub-contract.
- Assisting 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.

International Arbitration

- Instructed as junior counsel to Simon Hughes KC in a £400m ICC arbitration concerning waste management infrastructure in Qatar.
- Assisted on a high-value arbitration under LCIA rules (UAE law).

Adjudication

- Instructed as part of the counsel team led by Piers Stansfield KC in a multi-million-pound adjudication arising from a PFI contract in the healthcare sector.
- Appeared as sole counsel for a sub-contractor in the County Court at Central London (TCC), successfully seeking enforcement of an adjudicator's decision.
- Acted as sole counsel for the main contractor in an adjudication concerning the delivery and installation of mechanical plant at a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility.
- Acted for the respondent homeowners in smash and grab and true value adjudications in relation to a final account dispute arising under a JCT Minor Works Building Contract.
- Assisted with the trial of a Part 8 application seeking declaratory relief in relation to adjudications compromised by a creditors' voluntary arrangement.

Bonds & Guarantees

- Assisted with drafting Particulars of Claim in a Part 8 claim seeking declarations as to the validity of performance bonds issued in relation to housing developments.

Education & Professional Career

2011 – 2014	University of Cambridge , BA Hons in History
2015 – 2016	University of Oxford , MSt in US History
2016 – 2017	The City Law School , Graduate Diploma in Law
2017 – 2018	The City Law School , Bar Professional Training Course
2019 – 2022	Legal Counsel, Fnality International Limited
2022 – 2023	Pupil Barrister, Keating Chambers

Awards & Scholarships

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

Languages

English
Norwegian