

Construction



They are very practical and good at finding solutions.”

Chambers UK 2015

“They’re very supportive, and they go the extra mile to get things done.”

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Core strengths

Simmons & Simmons construction group provides renowned legal advice on all aspects of construction and engineering law from the inception of a project through to completion. We undertake contentious, non-contentious and real estate related work, acting for a broad range of clients including public bodies, major developers, funding institutions, consultants, insurers, contractors, potential purchasers and tenants.

Our core team, based in London, Hong Kong and the Middle East comprises over 25 legal staff, including 8 partners.

Our services

We advise clients on a wide variety of projects including power stations, roads, railways, defence and infrastructure projects, office, retail and residential projects, headquarters and factory premises and retail park developments.

Our construction group focuses on the following core areas:

Contentious

- dispute resolution by adjudication, arbitration or litigation
- resolution of disputes by mediation and other ADR processes

Non-contentious

- drafting of performance bonds, guarantees and insurance arrangements
- PFI, PPP, BOOT and partnering/alliancing contracts
- advice on EC and other public procurement issues

Real Estate

- preparation and negotiation of the terms of construction documentation including tenders, letters of intent, main contracts, sub-contracts, consultants appointments and warranties whether standard or project-specific

“Simmons & Simmons combines City skills with a practical knowledge of construction...”

Ian Dex, UK Ministry of Defence

Expertise in practice

Our lawyer's key experience included advising:

Turner & Townsend

- on the terms of all construction contracts, appointments and professional related documentation for the Shard at London Bridge which, when built, will be Europe's tallest building, standing 310 m (1,017 ft) tall and having 72 floors

HOK

- on claims against them and their insurers as the main architects for the new Wembley Stadium

MVV – Staffordshire Waste Management PFI Project

- on the extensive negotiations with the EPC contractors and subcontractors for construction and design of large incinerator plants for the processing of waste arising from these two authorities

Mitsui Fudosan

- on negotiations for the development management agreement, together with the trade contracts; providing expert advice on the latest innovative techniques in construction the developer for this new build development in the City of London

SNC Lavalin

- on the restructuring of the contractual arrangements for the Ambatovy mine project in Madagascar

A major UK rail infrastructure company

- on the drafting of the key agreements for the Cannon Place Development project, situated over Cannon Street Station which will, when built, be a worldclass office development over 600,000 sq ft delivering an improved railway station and transport interchange

Tube Lines

- on a large engineering contract (20 years) for the provision of engineering train services. We were also instructed on Lift Asset Maintenance contract arrangements and those for Transplant Services

RBS Sempra

- on the construction documentation and contract negotiation for reinstatement works to an existing building

Barclay's Life Assurance Company Ltd

- on the preparation of development documents for new investments in The Heights, Potters Bar

Deka

- on the due diligence and construction documents for the purchase of two high profile existing developments

UK Broadband

- on the new forms of engineering contract to be used as frameworks

Nationwide Building Society

- in relation to the procurement of construction works throughout its branch network and in relation to various disputes over defective works and cost claims

Reliance Industries

- in relation to the off-shore EPIC Contract for the KGD6 Kakinada off-shore gas development and the acquisition of certain long leads

Takuma-Itochu Consortium

- on the EPC Contract and ancillary documents for a £110m energy from waste project

Beckton Dickinson

- Preparing and negotiating the bespoke construction suite of documentation for an irradiator plant in Plymouth

Ministry of Defence

- on the £12bn Defence Training Review (DTR) project in particular preparing, negotiating and finalising a unique suite of contracts for the Four School of Technical Training

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