

Construction &
Engineering



“The ‘exceedingly energetic and proactive’ lawyers on this team are developing a reputation for being ‘highly effective relationship builders with a welcome habit of working at the cutting edge of the market.’”
Chambers UK

“The Litigation team ‘excels’ in the energy and infrastructure sector”
Chambers & Partners

Core strengths

Simmons & Simmons is a leading adviser in all construction and engineering related sectors and industries. Our lawyers are experienced in transportation and infrastructure (including rail, metros, roads, bridges, aviation, ports, dredging and berthing); energy (including power, oil & gas, LNG, refinery and petrochemical, nuclear, water and renewables) as well as waste, mining, defence, information technology and real estate.

Our team has significant experience of financing and structuring projects, drafting and negotiating contracts, advising throughout project delivery (helping clients to protect budgets and completion dates) and resolving international and domestic disputes in a variety of forums including litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution.

Many of our lawyers have direct experience of working on projects within industry and a number are also dual qualified as advocates and professional consultants. Our lawyers are therefore able to take a practical and pragmatic approach to issues, by using their experience to undertake legal and contractual analysis.

Our services

We undertake contentious work, provide real time project delivery support and carry out non-contentious work. We act for a broad range of clients including government bodies, financing institutions, oil, gas and power companies, developers, employers, contractors, project managers and consultants.

Non-contentious

Non-contentious work includes advising on the structuring, development, financing and documenting of projects as well as advising on many standard and bespoke forms of contract, from Target Cost, GMP, design and build to FIDIC, JCT, ICE, NEC, MF/1, IChemE and LOGIC. We also advise on many innovative arrangements such as partnering/alliancing agreements and bonus incentive schemes.

Mid-stream Support

Project delivery support services include analysis of project data with project teams to identify project risks, implementing procedures to address risk and any contractual or legal hurdles. We are experienced in formulating issues related to time and money claims and/or analysing and advising on robustness of claims. We work

closely with clients to implement dispute resolution strategies during the delivery stage of a project including Dispute Adjudication Board preparation, claims settlements, re-baselining contracts and advising on incentive schemes.

Contentious

We take a pragmatic approach to handling disputes, employing the appropriate solution to facilitate an early resolution. Our teams handle large scale adjudications, arbitrations, litigation, expert determinations, mediations and conciliations.

Several of our lawyers sit as mediators, adjudicators and arbitrators and their knowledge and experience of effective dispute resolution is of great benefit to clients.

In addition, our lawyers who have worked in industry have a good insight into project processes making them a cost-effective resource in any dispute.

“It is very reassuring to be backed by such a professional team of advisors providing the quality advice that we need.”

Wipro Infotech

“The ‘outstanding’ and ‘value-for-money’ team at Simmons & Simmons provides an ‘excellent level of service and consistently strong support.’”

Legal 500 UK (Litigation and Dispute Resolution)

Expertise in practice

Our lawyers’ key experience includes advising on:

- the appointments and construction contracts for the Shard at London Bridge
- disputes on the design and construction of Wembley Stadium
- a dispute relating to negligent project management due to cost and time overruns on an iconic building in the UK
- the PPP contracts for London Underground’s metro upgrades and complex disputes relating to design changes, specification disputes, delay and disruption claims, and operation of termination and default provisions
- contracts for the operation and maintenance concession agreement for the Dubai metro
- project delivery advice on many rail and metro projects in the UK (High Speed 1, Network Rail Infrastructure), Hong Kong, Dubai and Abu Dhabi
- major roads and highway projects in Europe and Asia during project delivery and arbitration proceedings
- international airports, including disputed claims from contractors at Hong Kong airport and Middle East airports
- restructuring and contract advice for the Ambatovy mining project in Madagascar and mining projects in Australia
- waste management projects in Europe and Asia through procurement, delivery and dispute resolution
- petrochemical plant disputes arising out of damage to equipment at a facility in the Middle East
- a dispute on an LNG facility in Europe relating to cost allocation between interested parties following facility improvements
- a delay and disruption claim for a desalination facility in Middle East
- disputes relating to design and construction defects to an IWPP in the Middle East
- an arbitration relating to a major dispute on the construction of the BTC pipeline
- an LCIA arbitration relating to a Russian energy project
- the replacement of a Lithuanian nuclear facility and other confidential nuclear projects
- a dispute in relation to decommissioning works in the North Sea
- a dispute in relation to the collapse of a tunnel over a live railway line in the UK
- litigation, adjudications and arbitrations on various works defects claims including delaminating of concrete, tunnel defects and defective bridge design
- a dispute in relation to the late delivery of an oil platform in Africa
- a dispute with a major oil company arising out of the construction of a gas plant
- the substantial losses suffered as a consequence of the explosion at the Buncefield oil storage terminal
- a €5bn Turkey to Austria gas pipeline project, which will pass through five countries, sponsored by OMV, RWE, MOL, Transgas, Botas and Bulgargaz
- a dispute in relation to the provision of turbine generators for a Cuban power station
- advice in connection with a dispute relating to power output at a Polish power plant
- an ICC arbitration relating to the delivery of Chinese dockside loading equipment at the Port of Quebec

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