



A seminar by the Contributors to the Second Edition of  
**Construction Contracts, Law and Practice**  
By **Richard Wilmot-Smith QC**

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**John Rushton BA (Cantab), FCIArb, the ICC United Kingdom  
Consultant on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution:**

**Current Issues in Commercial Arbitration**

John will provide an update on current issues in commercial arbitration and an insight into his work and developments within ICC United Kingdom.

**Karim Ghaly BA (Oxon) Barrister:**

**Madness with Mayhaven?**

How to down tools, stomp off and still get back on site!  
Karim will consider the decision of Mr. Justice Ramsey in the case of Mayhaven v DAB Builders and the relationship between a wrongful suspension of works and repudiation.

Thirty Nine Essex Street, 39 Essex Street, London WC2R 3AT

6.00 pm

The seminar will be followed by refreshments.

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## Contributors to the book:

### Caroline Allen

Caroline was called to the Bar in 2005 and is regularly instructed in insurance, sale of goods, misrepresentation and general contractual matters, providing advice and representation in fast-track and multi-track actions.

### Jonathan Bellamy

Jonathan has an established litigation, arbitration and advisory practice in general commercial law. His practice includes domestic, international work and arbitrations under the auspices of major institutions including ICC and LCIA.

### Tony Blackler

Tony has practiced construction law for over 30 years in a London law environment. During that time Tony headed up the Construction and Engineering Groups at solicitors Rowe & Maw and McFarlanes and has been involved in major construction projects representing clients from all sides of the construction industry. He has advised organisations as diverse as FIDIC, the CIC, and the RIBA. He was until recently a member of the New Engineering Contract Panel which brought the third edition of their contract to the market in 2005.

### Jess Connors

Jess has acted in a wide range of commercial, construction and insurance disputes, both as sole counsel, and as a junior in a large legal team. She has advised and appeared in complex and high value litigation in the Commercial Court, Mercantile Court and TCC.



**Charlie Cory  
Wright QC**

Both as a senior junior and since he took silk in 2006, Charlie's practice has been largely in private law work, including construction and professional negligence claims. However he regularly also works in the public law field, primarily as a vetted special advocate in terrorist related proceedings.

**Andrew  
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Andrew has an expanding planning and environmental law practice. He advises and acts in all forms of planning and enforcement matters. Andrew also has broad common law experience including property damage and personal injury. He accepts instructions in commercial law, public law and costs matters.

**John Denis-  
Smith**

Before returning to the Bar in September 2006, John spent 6 years as a litigator at Herbert Smith and Fenwick Elliott. John specialises in commercial and construction work, in particular energy sector arbitration, mediation, litigation and related professional negligence disputes for both domestic and international clients.

**Karen Gough**

Karen specialises in the fields of building and engineering contract disputes and related professional negligence claims whether in litigation, arbitration or adjudication. Her practice includes both domestic and international commercial arbitration and ADR proceedings.

**Kate Grange**

Kate specialises in commercial, construction, public and administrative law. She has been involved in a number of substantial and complex cases and the majority of her practice in the construction field has arisen out of large construction and engineering, commercial, insurance and professional negligence disputes.



## **Martin Hirst**

Martin was called to the Bar in 1998 and qualified as a solicitor with DLA Piper LLP in 2003. Until recently he was in-house Counsel for Bovis Lend Lease and is now an Associate Director with Mott MacDonald Ltd dealing with construction, oil and gas projects in the Middle East. In 2009, in recognition of his legal work, Martin won The Lawyer's In House Lawyer of the Year Award and The Worshipful Company of Arbitrator's Prize.

## **Adrian Hughes QC**

Adrian's practice tends to focus on complex commercial contract work. His main areas of expertise lie in the commercial, construction and information technology fields and includes insurance, energy, project finance, rail, shipping, international trade and professional negligence cases.

## **Simon Nurney**

Simon qualified as a solicitor with Macfarlanes in 1992 and became a partner in 1999. Simon is head of the contentious construction and engineering group and specialises in domestic and international building and engineering disputes. He has been associated with many high profile cases and currently advises European Property and Land on aspects of the Paddington Basin Development.

## **Adam Robb**

Adam's commercial and construction practice includes disputes arising out of corporate restructuring and merger and acquisition, insurance, professional negligence sale of goods and construction and the use of equity in commercial disputes. He has in depth knowledge of human rights jurisprudence and public law.



## John Rushton

John was a Partner in the Construction and Engineering Group of Mayer Brown International LLP (once known as Rowe & Maw) from 1981 until 2009 and is now Arbitration and ADR Consultant of ICC UK, part of the International Chamber of Commerce. He has had many years' experience of all forms of alternative dispute resolution, having acted as an adjudicator and mediator and acted for parties in domestic and international arbitration. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors, Fellow of the CI Arb. and a member of the SCA.

## Marion Smith

Marion specialises in dispute resolution in the commercial arena. She is an advocate with experience at handling a broad range of contentious work, both litigation and arbitration, including complex multi-party disputes.

## Douglas Wass

Doug qualified as a solicitor in 2000 and joined Macfarlanes in 2002, becoming a partner in 2008. Doug is a member of the contentious construction and engineering group and advises a wide range of clients including employers, contractors, and funds on a wide range of domestic and international commercial, construction and engineering disputes. He represents clients in litigation, arbitration, adjudication and ADR proceedings.

## Ellen Wiles

Ellen practises across the range of chambers' specialisms. She focuses on public law and human rights, planning and environmental law, and commercial and construction law. She appears regularly for a variety of clients in court and undertakes pleadings and advisory work.



## Sean Wilken

Appointed a QC in the current silk round. His practice focuses on large scale commercial litigation which is often complex, whether legally, technically or factually. He has a litigation and advisory practice spanning commercial law in the UK, EU and worldwide (with particular emphasis on the USA, Asia and the Middle East).

## Claudia Wilmot-Smith

After obtaining a double first in Theology at Trinity College, Cambridge, Claudia completed the CPE at City Law School, and the BVC at ICSSL (marked Outstanding) with a Middle Temple Certificate of Honour. She was called to the Bar in 2008 and is a tenant at Quadrant Chambers, where she has a broad commercial practice.

