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#### About us

Gray's Inn Construction Chambers is a construction barristers' chambers specialising in solving the problems arising in the construction and engineering industry.

Chambers specialises exclusively in Construction and Engineering Law. This ensures chambers has a laser focus on construction and engineering law and a commitment to excellence.

Chambers is situated at 60 Gray's Inn Road, London, is adjacent to Gray's Inn and is approximately a 10-minute walk from the Technology and Construction Court (TCC) and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA).

The founder of Gray's Inn Construction Chambers is Charles Edwards MSt(Cantab) MSc(Lond) FCInstCES Barrister. Charles's knowledge and insight has been described as "unparalleled". Charles's "grasp and in-depth knowledge of construction, construction law and dispute resolution... is second to none", Charles is..."extremely dedicated, precise and utterly relentless". He has been described as "...a leading thinker in the construction law field" and is "an advocate you most certainly want on your side".

#### Director (Top 5 UKContractor)

"...in a recent adjudication conducted against a large multi-national corporation... Charles was instrumental in putting together the adjudication documents and dealing with all correspondence from the opposing side's solicitors... in an adjudication that proved to be very successful in its conclusion... I have no hesitation in recommending Charles to others and... look forward to working with him in future..."

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### What we do

Chambers specialises in solving the problems arising in the construction and engineering industry at every stage of the process (contentious and non-contentious). Our expertise includes the provision of contractual advice in relation to construction contracts (including JCT, NEC, FIDIC, ACA, GCWorks, IChemE as well as bespoke construction contracts), contract drafting, robust representation in adjudication, arbitration, litigation, mediation and the provision of in-house training.



#### Commercial Director

“...I worked with Charles on a number of complex construction disputes and found his grasp and in-depth knowledge of construction, construction law and dispute resolution to be second to none...”

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## Experience includes

### **Adjudication - JCT Design and Build Contract**

Acted for the Referring Party (main contractor) in adjudication proceedings in connection with a payment dispute with regard to a major new development pursuant to a JCT Design and build Contract. This matter involved non-payment, variations, alleged defective works, extension of time disputes and the unlawful deduction of liquidated damages.

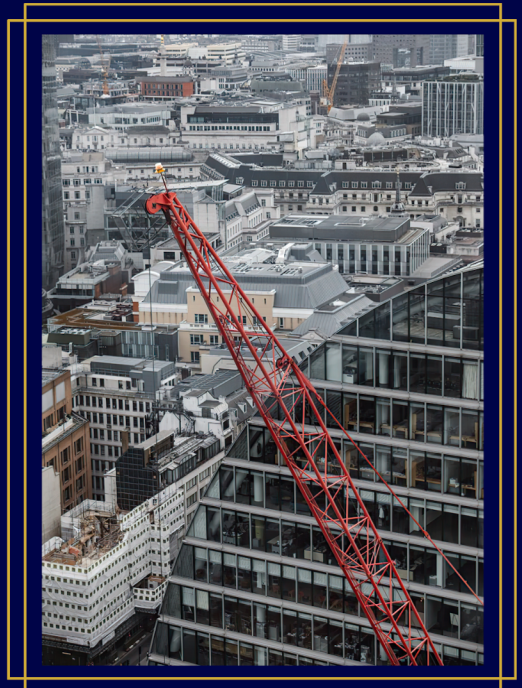
### **High Court Proceedings**

#### **Payment Dispute/Winding-up Petition - Insolvency**

Advised on a payment and valuation dispute, the interpretation of contract terms and conditions, a proposed winding-up petition in the High Court and the best strategy to be adopted in order to achieve the client's objectives and recover the outstanding payment.

#### **High Court (Technology and Construction Court) - Defective Works**

Acted for the Defendant in proceedings in the High Court (CC) in relation to severe defective works, which included cladding and whether the works completed by the Defendant were in breach of the building regulations and/or the contract, the limitation period and the effect of the final certificate issued pursuant to the contract. Advised on the legal strategy to be adopted, the interpretation of the construction contract and the evidence presented, drafted the pre-action protocol letter in response to the Claimant's solicitors following which the Claimant forthwith engaged in settlement discussions.



High Court Judge, Queen's Bench Division

"...Counsel for the Claimant's skeleton argument was excellent.."

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#### **Adjudication - Infrastructure (Top 5 UK Contractor - Payment Dispute)**

Acted for the Referring Party (a top 5 UK Construction Company) in adjudication proceedings against a large multi-national plc. This involved setting out the overall legal strategy to be adopted based on a sound understanding of the client's objectives and implementing the same in what proved to be a successful adjudication.

#### **JCT Design and Build Contract**

##### **Drafting Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract**

Advised and drafted amendments to a JCT Design and Build Standard Form of Contract for use on a major new build city centre residential development in order to achieve a Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract (GMP). With these amendments, it was found by the High Court (TCC) on appeal of the Arbitrator's award to be a Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract. The High Court Judge in the TCC stated: "...The provisions of art 10 in my judgment very clearly allocate the burden of unforeseen or unknown risks..."



#### **NEC3 Contract - Payment Dispute - Compensation Events**

Advised on the legal strategy to be adopted in relation to disputes involving Compensation Events under an amended NEC3 Contract in order to recover outstanding payments on a major national/high profile project.

#### **Director (UK multidisciplinary practice)**

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## **International Arbitration Claim (infrastructure project) - ICC Arbitration**

Advised and assisted with drafting an international arbitration claim on behalf of a contractor in an ICC arbitration against a government in relation to an infrastructure project seeking substantial damages. The contractor was successfully awarded substantial damages.

## **Enforcement of an Adjudicator's Decision in the High Court (Technology and Construction Court)**

Acted for the Claimant in enforcement proceedings in the High Court (TCC) in relation to the enforcement of an Adjudicator's Decision for loss and/or expense due to the Contractor on a new residential development. This involved expert evidence presented as part of the adjudication proceedings.

### **Managing Director (UK Company)**

"...We were able to meticulously comb through the data we had with your legal and commercial brain... in order to write a robust rebuttal to their claim... Thank you for your diligence... more than once you went beyond the call of duty to support us..."

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