



SOLICITORS TO THE CONSTRUCTION
AND ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES

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Hawkswell Kilvington



Hawkswell Kilvington is a specialist law firm dedicated to addressing and resolving issues in the construction and engineering industries.

We provide legal advice and solutions with a pragmatic and commercial approach in areas ranging from Contract Procurement, Adjudication, Mediation, Conciliation, Expert Determination, Arbitration to Litigation.

We have built an enviable reputation in providing legal advice to the construction and engineering industries including:

contractors, sub contractors, quantity surveyors, commercial managers, project managers, developers, property owners, banks, funders, tenants, government departments, public bodies, local authorities, health trusts, schools, universities, airports, multi national corporations, trade associations, architects, engineers, chemical and oil companies, insurers, brokers, underwriters and receivers.

Ranked by Chambers Legal Directory as one of the leading construction firms in the country saying, *"This construction boutique consistently draws praise from competitors, who confess a 'great admiration for this wonderful niche practice'. Solely focused on construction work, a key attraction of the firm is its commerciality: 'It has an incredibly pragmatic approach and extraordinarily competitive rates' say clients."*

"According to clients, the firm offers "unquestioned expertise at great rates by concentrating on what it does best - construction." The Partners "perform an excellent job, offering quality strategic contentious and non-contentious advice informed by up-to-the-minute industry knowledge. Practicality, flexibility and personality are all words used by observers in praise of this outfit."

Competitors "take their hat off" to this boutique construction practice, which commands a huge amount of respect from all corners of the market. This niche firm is able to provide specialist advice at competitive rates, and "they go out of their way to do the best job for us, so we go out of our way to work with them." Partners "exceed expectations," and clients are confident "they have our best interests at heart."

Our team of construction lawyers have in depth knowledge of the construction and engineering industries to help you, together with a reputation for understanding what you are trying to achieve.

Relationships with our clients are of paramount importance to us. Our aim is always to be accessible and for clients to always know who is actually doing work for them on a day to day basis. This is reflected by how often our clients return to us for effective legal and commercial advice.

Refreshing Approach to Solving Problems
When problems arise our aim is to provide constructive and proactive advice at an early stage.

We have a reputation for understanding what our clients are trying to achieve and providing effective, practical and commercial solutions to problems. It is always better for a case to be assessed at the outset and a clear strategy agreed, together with an understanding of the costs involved. We also have considerable experience in adjudication, mediation, conciliation, expert determination, arbitration and litigation.



Adjudication is now the most common forum for dispute resolution in the construction industry.

We have a vast level of experience acting for both claimants and respondents in adjudication, and also representing parties in relation to the enforcement of Adjudicators' decisions in the Courts. We have had experience of hundreds of adjudications, ranging from the presentation and defence of extremely complex claims, to the relatively straight forward recovery of outstanding payments.

Contract Solutions

We always seek to minimise client exposure to risk and have become renowned for a very commercial, no nonsense approach to construction and engineering documentation.

We regularly advise on, negotiate and draft amendments to many forms of contract and associated documentation, consequently we are familiar with:

Amendments to Standard Form Contracts

Bespoke Forms of Contract

Collateral Warranties

Performance Bonds and Parent Company Guarantees

Professional Appointments

Letters of Intent

Novations and Assignments

Terms and Conditions

Joint Venture Agreements

International Construction & Engineering Contracts

PFI Construction Documentation

In addition we advise on construction issues arising from or relating to insolvency, insurance and construction plant and machinery.



The partners at Hawkswell Kilvington have in depth experience of contentious and non-contentious construction work and have won the following plaudits:

'Construction lawyer of the year'

'Quick and astute'

'A prime example of someone who works in the interests of his client'

'Ferocious opponent'

'Practicality, flexibility and personality are all words used by observers in praise of this outfit.'

'Partners exceed expectations.'

'An incredibly pragmatic approach and extraordinarily competitive rates.'

'Winner of the Specialist Law Firm at the Yorkshire Lawyer Awards 2007/08'

Our Website is there to help keep you abreast of legal developments. We regularly produce construction law bulletins on important topics. Current and many previous bulletins are also available to download at www.thkp.co.uk

We hold frequent seminars in various locations around the country, details of current and future seminars are also available on our website.

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