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Paul Giles advises on high value and complex construction/engineering disputes and is experienced in all relevant forums - adjudication, arbitration, litigation, DAB and international arbitration. Paul also focuses on working with project teams on live projects before disputes arise helping the project teams manage change/risk.

Paul has significant experience in the oil and gas, power (including nuclear), water and heavy engineering sectors. Paul has also worked on major infrastructure projects both within the UK and internationally. As a result, Paul has experience of contracts commonly used on international projects as well as the dispute resolution mechanisms on those projects (from dispute review boards to international arbitration). Domestically, Paul has worked extensively on all the commonly used standard forms ranging from NEC3, JCT, IChemE, MF1 to LOGIC.

EXPERIENCE

- Advised a multi-national conglomerate on issues relating to turbine installation on an onshore wind farm and delay/disruption and loss of profit claims arising as a result.
- Advised an airport company on claims from a main works contractor on a new runway project (GBP100 million), including very significant claims relating to earthworks and AGL systems.
- Advised a rail operator on substantial claims from a contractor relating to complex contractual interpretation issues, misrepresentation and delay claims.
- Advised a statutory undertaker on the resolution of GBP70 million of claims from a framework contractor, including high volume, low value repair and maintenance works and a large number of significant network infrastructure projects (amended NEC3 contract).
- Advised a major gas operating company based offshore in the far east of Russia on very significant deficient design claims relating to the design and construction of one of the world's largest integrated oil and gas projects (with specific focus on an onshore processing facility).
- Advised an operator company on claims arising relating to deficient refurbishment of BOP units for offshore rigs in an area of

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Real Estate
- Construction and Engineering
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Cross-Border Litigation
- Oil and Gas
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes

RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources

extreme environmental sensitivity.

- Advising a specialist steelwork sub-contractor in relation to defects, touch up and variation account claims on a power station project suffering significant delays/cost overspend.
- Advising a nuclear authority in relation to the design and construction of a boiler park on a nuclear site where issues relate to defective welding and pipework.
- Advising a main works contractor on significant delay claims as part of a wider final account dispute claim on the design and construction of a Premier League training academy, issues including significant claims relating to the M&E works.
- Advised a specialist chemical engineering sub-contractor in relating to the installation of plant and machinery at a LDPE plant.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

What clients say

"Flexible approach to costs, extremely client-oriented, result-focused." (Head of Litigation, Russian LNG Company)

"Very approachable, great client care skills (with internal commercial client), responsive, clear and practical advice. Grasps the key issues very quickly. First class..." (In house lawyer, energy company)

"... knows our business, buys in to what I and the organisation are trying to achieve, delivers as and when required and works with a great team. Paul is also clearly expert in his field." (Head of Litigation, major utility company)

What the directors say

Paul is described as "personable and bright" in the *Legal 500 Directory*.

Paul is described in *Chambers 2014* as having "great knowledge in his expert area and a business-oriented approach when providing advice."

Education

- University of Northumbria, LPC, 1999
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- University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, BA Politics, 1997

Memberships

- ICES