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Richard Edwards practises in the areas of insurance, construction, transport and litigation.

His areas of focus are construction (infrastructure and commercial projects disputes, security of payments disputes and risk advice), transport (charterparty negotiations and disputes; admiralty matters, carriage of goods and port risks) and insurance (professional indemnity, marine and aviation insurance).

For over 15 years, Richard has provided dispute resolution advice and representation on numerous construction and transport disputes. He has particular experience in advising engineers, contractors and construction consultants on issues connected with construction contracts and insurance risks.

He is also experienced at using alternative forms of dispute resolution such as arbitration, adjudication and mediation.

- Construction and Engineering
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Infrastructure Finance
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

- Financial Services
- Insurance

- Acting for a global marine and civil engineering contractor in various disputes (including multiple arbitrations) arising on the Gorgon LNG project
- Acting for a construction engineering contractor on a charter party and engineering services dispute connected with pipe-laying work undertaken on a significant LNG project off the coast of Western Australia
- Acting for a firm of architects in an arbitration arising from the novation of a consultancy agreement on a commercial office building with a project value of A\$130 million
- Advising vessel owners on a claim for hires and associated costs arising from the chartering of tugs and support vessels to a contractor who chartered the vessels for use in an offshore construction project in the north west of Western Australia
- Acting in a Federal Court of Australia action for the insurer of a port authority in a successful recovery claim against vessel owners arising from damage done to the port's berths: Geraldton Port Authority v The Ship 'Kim Heng 1888' & Ors

Professional Qualifications

- Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, 1998
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia, 2000
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, 2004

Education

- University of Western Australia, Bachelor of Laws, 1997

Memberships

- Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand
- Aviation Law Association of Australia and New Zealand
- Law Society of Western Australia
- Society of Construction Lawyers Australia

INSIGHTS

Richard is experienced in delivering presentations and authoring publications on legal issues relevant to his practice areas. In recent years Richard has presented on the following topics:

- Expanded Proportionate Liability Defences Post Hunt v Hunt (Legalwise 2014)
- Charterparties : Tips and Traps (Legalwise 2013)
- Insurance Risks on Infrastructure Projects (Akolade 2012)
- Registration of Foreign Flagged Vessels in Australia (Legalwise 2012)
- Construction Insurance (Melbourne University, Masters of Construction Law Course 2011)
- Managing Cargo Claim Risks (Legalwise 2011)

Publications

COVID-19 Construction Guide

16 June 2020

This guide looks at the impact of COVID-19 on the construction sector in over 30 countries, including the latest position as jurisdictions relax their lockdown measures.

COVID-19 Key issues to consider as an international EPC contractor (for English law contracts)

22 April 2020

There are a number of key points to take into account when considering entitlement arising from the COVID-19 virus. This article discusses those issues based on a standard FIDIC form of contract.

Insurance Review May 2016

5 MAY 2016

Welcome to *Insurance Review May 2016*. DLA Piper's annual publication dedicated to the insurance industry. In this issue we look at the following topics:
