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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.

- Advising a main works contractor on a delay, disruption and final account claim in relation to the design and construction of an offshore wind farm, utilising a novel foundation design for offshore wind farms.
- Advising 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.
- Advising 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).
- Advising a water company in relation to a systemic defect in the design of a tertiary treatment plant designed and constructed under NEC3 Contract. Claims were made against 12 different contracting parties under Framework Agreements.
- Advising a specialist civil and piping contractor on time/money claims arising out of the construction of one of the largest LNG terminals in Europe.
- Advising a major gas operating company based offshore in the far east of Russia on very significant deficient design claims relating

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

- Energy and Natural Resources

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).

- Advising an international oil company on indemnity claims relating to the construction of one of the world's largest oil field developments in Kazakhstan.
- Advising a cable supply company on an EPC contract in relation to delays and variations arising on an onshore cable installation project.
- 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.

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
- University of Northumbria, GDL, 1998
- University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, BA Politics, 1997

Memberships

- ICES

INSIGHTS

Publications

The DLA Piper Project Simulator – one year on

2 July 2021

Over the past year, we have delivered The DLA Piper Project Simulator to many of our construction, engineering and infrastructure clients, over a virtual platform, and client feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

COVID-19 - Time and cost claims under construction contracts in the UK

21 May 2020

On 10 May the UK Government announced a roadmap to ease the restrictions in place as a result of coronavirus, of particular relevance to the construction industry, the Government's guidance in relation to work has changed in emphasis. This article discusses the guidance aimed at the construction industry.

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.

Introducing the DLA Piper Project Simulator

17 March 2020

One of the most critical challenges faced by our global society is developing high-quality, sustainable infrastructure. To help businesses meet this challenge, DLA Piper has collaborated with leading strategy consultancy BTS to create **The DLA Piper Project Simulator (DPS)**, an interactive training tool.
