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Liam Johannesson has varied commercial law experience reviewing and drafting contracts in both national and international transactions, with a specific focus on construction and infrastructure. His clients include local governments and companies in a range of sectors including insurance, banking, food manufacturing and retail.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

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- Advising on and drafted a bespoke performance-based maintenance contract to provide up to 10 years' maintenance and special programme services to over 2800 properties.
 - Advising on consultancy agreements, construction and design/build contracts based on FIDIC and NZS:3910 in relation to Happy Valley Nutrition Limited's USD280M dairy factory development.
 - Advising Auckland Council on its bid to host the 2023 FIFA Women's Football World Cup.
 - Advising several local governments and companies in the food and retail sector on the impacts of COVID-19 on their businesses and contracts.
 - Advising on procurement matters arising from Foodstuffs North Island Limited's move to New Zealand's largest distribution centre at Auckland International Airport.
 - Advising on the procurement of consultancy services in relation to a USD700M residential construction project in Auckland's central business district.*
 - Advising on the structure of a largescale USD60M funding and construction programme comprising 32 separate builds and grants.*
 - Advising a local government and its council-controlled organisations on several high-profile waterfront property development matters.*

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Corporate
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure

- Insurance
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

English

*Denotes experience from previous firm.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand

Education

- University of Auckland, LLB (Hons), 2018
- University of Auckland, BA (History), 2018

Memberships

- New Zealand Law Society

INSIGHTS

Publications

It's all about the money: key changes to the construction retentions regime

18 June 2021

Do we have a contract?

27 MAY 2020

In the recent case of *Electrix Ltd v The Fletcher Construction Company Ltd* the High Court found against The Fletcher Construction Company Limited (**Fletchers**) in a case brought by an aggrieved subcontractor working on the Christchurch Justice and Emergency Services Precinct project. The case provides a window into the issues faced by those working on that project and the challenges that have dogged the industry over the last five years, in particular on large scale design and build projects. In addition to the procurement issues, the case also highlights issues surrounding the common practice of issuing letters of intent, prior to a full construction contract being entered into. In particular, what happens if the full construction contract is never entered into?

From seed to shelf - the growth of New Zealand's medicinal cannabis market

23 April 2020

The Misuse of Drugs (Medicinal Cannabis) Regulations 2019 came into force on 1 April 2020. These new regulations enable licensed businesses and individuals to cultivate, export, possess and supply medicinal cannabis products in New Zealand under the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme. New Zealand's Minister of Health anticipates that the New Zealand market for medicinal cannabis will move more swiftly than other markets following similar changes in law. The Minister anticipates that the first commercial licences will be issued by mid-2020.

GOOOOAL! DLA Piper advises on successful FIFA Women's World Cup bid (New Zealand)

9 July 2020

DLA Piper New Zealand is thrilled to announce its role in the best kind of own goal - the successful trans-Tasman AsOne bid to secure co-hosting of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.
