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Daniel is a partner in the Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations Practice based in Dubai. He specialises in contentious construction and engineering matters on behalf of contractors, sub-contractors, employers and professionals in all sectors of the construction and engineering industry including power, civils, building, rail, nuclear, process and mechanical and electrical engineering.

Daniel's experience spans a range of different forums including international arbitration, litigation, adjudication, mediation and other forms of ADR.

Since 2012, Daniel's practice has been based in the Middle East where he has led teams (including cross-office teams) and co-ordinated with clients and experts in complex construction disputes involving multiple issues, typically with a value in the hundreds of millions of dollars (USD).

Daniel is a member of the Society of Construction Law (Gulf) and a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is also been named as an 'Accritas Stars' Lawyer for 2019, based purely on independently rated client feedback.

- Real Estate
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Construction and Engineering
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Disputes
- International Arbitration

- Energy and Natural Resources

Daniel Jude has two decades of experience dealing with construction and engineering disputes and his list of matters is extensive. Relevant examples in the Middle East include:

- Acting for the employer in an arbitration involving a high stakes dispute between two of the most high profile well-established families in Dubai. The arbitration was ad hoc, conducted under the UNCITRAL Rules 2010 and was seated in Dubai. The project at the centre of the dispute was a mixed use development which was significantly delayed and, consequently, the main contractor's employment on the project was terminated by the employer. The aggregate amount in dispute exceeded USD500 million and the arbitration involved working with Queens Counsel and a number of experts relating to delay, quantum, civil engineering, UAE law and forensic accountancy issues. There were also parallel proceedings (including injunctive relief) in the Dubai Courts which went all the way to the Court of Cassation in relation to encashment of the performance bond and proceedings to enforce/annul the award.

- Acting for a confidential client (US Fortune 500) as the main contractor in two separate ICC arbitrations, taking place in parallel, both seated in Doha, Qatar, with the disputed amounts exceeding USD200 million each. The first arbitration was brought by the civils, mechanical and electrical sub-contractor and the second arbitration was pursued against the employer. The disputes involved a new major international airport in the Middle East and include claims for extensions of time, variations, prolongation, disruption, constructive acceleration and financing charges, as against a counterclaim for liquidated damages, miscellaneous back charges and defective works. The contractor's claims against the employer involved similar matters and the employer also sought to set off liquidated damages and alleged defective works. The matters involved working with Queens Counsel and a number of experts relating to delay, quantum, civil engineering, electrical engineering, Qatar law and forensic accountancy issues. The timetables of the two arbitrations were intertwined requiring careful co-ordination and management of the legal, client and expert teams. Cross-office legal teams have also been used. There were also proceedings in the Qatar Courts in relation to enforcement/annulment of the award.
- Acting for an employer in a dispute concerning the recovery of liquidated damages, the cost of correcting defects and a call on the performance bond and the contractor's claims for extensions of time and additional money claims in connection with a hotel in Sharjah, UAE.
- Acting for a contractor in an ICC arbitration and mediation in relation to a contract for the final design, procurement, construction, start up and commissioning of all elements of the airport fuel system at new major international airport in the Middle East. The dispute was for a sum of approximately USD150 million and was under Qatari law. It involved claims for additional payment for variations, extensions of time, prolongation, disruption, acceleration etc and NDIA's counterclaims for liquidated damages and backcharges.
- Acting for a mechanical, electrical and plumbing subcontractor in relation to precautionary attachment and substantive proceedings in the on-shore courts of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, in connection with a high profile, prestigious and cultural development in the region.
- Acting for an international dredging contractor joint venture in a dispute concerning termination of a contract in UAE.
- Acting for a confidential client (US Fortune 500) as the main contractor in an ICC arbitration seated in Doha, Qatar regarding the disputed final account of an IT subcontractor in respect of the perimeter security enhancement package of a major international airport in the Middle East.
- Acting for a contractor in a ICC arbitration seated in Muscat, Oman in connection with the Employer's claims for damages arising from a fire at a refinery. The value in dispute is approximately USD60 million.
- Acting for an international contractor in litigation proceedings in Hong Kong High Court and Commercial Court, London in respect of a sub-contract dispute for onshore works on a project in the Persian Gulf and Al-Basra region of southern Iraq.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Education

- Liverpool John Moores University, Post-graduate qualification in Construction Law and Administration
- University of Sheffield, Law, LLB (Hons); Politics, BA (Hons)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Diploma in International Arbitration

Memberships

- The Law Society of England & Wales
- Society of Construction Law (Gulf)
- Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators