



## Jonathan Clarke

Associate

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Jonathan specialises in dispute avoidance and resolution in the construction, energy and infrastructure sectors. He has been involved in a variety of matters ranging from multi-billion-dollar international arbitrations through to low value/high volume smash-and-grab adjudications.

Jonathan understands all sides to a dispute having clerked for a leading arbitrator and represented states, employers, developers, main contractors, consultants and subcontractors. In addition to his fledgling practice, he is also a keen academic with an LLM (Distinction) in Energy and Climate Change Law from Queen Mary University of London and an LLM (Distinction) in International Dispute Resolution from King's College London.

### Specialist expertise

*Examples of Jonathan's expertise include:*

- advising a contractor on a SAR 1 billion claim in relation to a historic road infrastructure project in Saudi Arabia based on an amended FIDIC contract;
- assisting a Panamanian employer in multiple DAB and multi-billion-dollar ICC arbitrations in connection with the design and construction of a major maritime project in Central America based on an amended FIDIC contract;
- defending an oil company in an LCIA arbitration in respect of various subcontractor payment disputes;
- advising the main contractor of a biomass power plant on various contractual issues following the administration of several subcontractors;
- assisting an international EPC contractor in a dispute with a manufacturer and supplier of solar panels under a framework agreement for the supply of solar panels for the construction of 13 solar projects worldwide;
- acting for one of Latin America's largest steel producers in arbitration and mediation proceedings relating to a disputed purchase agreement;
- defending a developer against a main contractor in several smash-and-grab adjudications under JCT D&B 2016 contracts and bespoke development agreements;
- representing an architect and design company following a serious health and safety incident at a research laboratory;

- assisting a groundworks subcontractor in multiple simultaneous adjudications based on oral agreements with all key terms implied from the Scheme for Construction Contracts and other relevant statutes;
- acting for Kuwaiti investors in an ICSID arbitration against the Kingdom of Jordan in connection with a telecommunications dispute;
- representing US and Canadian investors with an investment treaty claim under the UNCITRAL rules against Romania; and
- undertaking non-contentious project advisory work, such as tender stage risk assessments of NEC3 and NEC4 contracts for a large civil engineering company for works on a 3,200 MWe nuclear power station and other infrastructure projects.

**Jonathan's academic achievements include**

- The Energy and Climate Change Law Prize for the Best Overall Graduate, Queen Mary University of London (2024);
- Diploma in Comparative European and Civil Law (Distinction), University of Szeged (2014); and
- The Michelmores Land Law Prize for the Best Module Performance, University of Exeter (2013).

**Jonathan's memberships/positions include:**

- member of the Society of Construction Law;
- member of the Young International Arbitration Group of the LCIA; and
- member of Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration).