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Philip specialises in the resolution of construction, engineering and energy disputes. Clients have specifically praised his clear, direct communication style, and his thorough and pragmatic advice.

He has acted for many parties in the supply chain, including employers, main contractors, subcontractors, consultants, suppliers, and insolvency practitioners. He has experience in arbitration (ICC and LCIA), TCC litigation, adjudication, mediation, expert determination, and project advisory and pre-action stages. He advises on all standard forms of construction contract including JCT, NEC and FIDIC.

Philip has worked on a variety of types of projects spanning different sectors. He has particular experience with renewable energy projects (onshore and offshore wind and solar). He also has experience with commercial, residential and mixed-use development, data centres, non-renewable energy projects, engineering projects including ports and bridges, social infrastructure such as universities and hospitals, and hotels and leisure.

Specialist expertise

Examples of Philip's expertise include:

- acting for a Chinese solar panel manufacturer in an ICC arbitration relating to the supply of solar panels to a >1GW solar farm in the Middle East, defending serial defect claims;
- advising the owner of a wind farm in Scandinavia following the collapse of a wind turbine generator, in relation to investigation of the collapse, claims against the contractor, and resumption of the wind farm;
- acting for a Chinese EPC contractor in multiple FIDIC DAB proceedings relating to a railway project in South Asia;
- acting for the employer in High Court (TCC) proceedings relating to the refurbishment of a luxury hotel in London, defending extension of time and additional payment claims from the contractor;
- acting for the owner of a wind farm in High Court (TCC) proceedings, defending a defects claim relating to alleged damage to underground services;
- advising the owner of several data centres in the UK in relation to claims against several parties including contractors and design consultants, relating to structural defect claims;
- acting for an international contractor in FIDIC DAB proceedings against the employer, claiming significant extensions of time and resulting costs across multiple sections of a coal-fired power plant in Africa;

- acting for a Korean EPC contractor in an LCIA arbitration concerning construction of an oil and gas power and desalination plant in the Middle East, defending extension of time and additional payment claims from a subcontractor, including claims of prevention relating to claims against the project company;
- acting for a Korean EPC contractor in an ICC arbitration concerning upgrades to an oil and gas refinery in the Middle East, defending extension of time and additional payment claims from a subcontractor;
- acting for the employer in an adjudication relating to a partial new build and partial refurbishment of a new manufacturing facility, defending extension of time and additional payment claims from the contractor;
- advising a Chinese contractor relating to several FIDIC DAB claims against the employer, relating to a rail project in Asia;
- acting for the contractor in a smash and grab adjudication referred by the subcontractor, relating to onshore works as part of the construction of a wind farm, and related final account claims;
- acting for a professional cost consultant in an adjudication relating to alleged negligent cost planning;
- acting for the contractor and subcontractor jointly in an arbitration against insurers, concerning defect claims relating to a newly constructed container port;
- acting for the manufacturer of deep-sea cables supplying an offshore wind farm in a defects claim from the owner;
- advising a global logistics company in relation to fire safety concerns at a newly constructed distribution warehouse;
- advising the liquidator of a national main contractor, in relation to potential claims against various parties including construction managers and consultants, relating to cost overruns and delays;
- advising the owner of several solar farms in relation to ongoing project issues and resulting claims against the contractor;
- acting for an international contractor on a termination claim relating to a large offshore wind farm, off the coast of the USA; and
- advising a structural engineer in relation to a professional negligence claim relating to a mixed-use development.

Philip's memberships/positions include:

- member of the Society of Construction Law; and
- member of the Technology and Construction Solicitors' Association.