

Dispute resolution in the construction industry



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A construction contract will often feature specialists in various roles, such as owners, developers, contractors, employers and construction professionals including surveyors and architects. The legal relationships between these people can be complex, but your chosen lawyer will be able to help you achieve a solution specifically tailored to you.

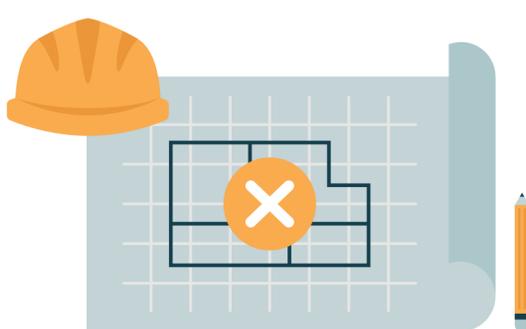
WHAT IS CONSTRUCTION LAW?

Construction law relates to all building and engineering works as well as related areas, and is essentially an umbrella term which includes commercial, contract, tort, employment and planning law. Investing in property construction is a big commitment and as such, construction contracts can be among the most valuable to your business. No matter how well prepared and watertight they appear to be, construction contract disputes may well arise. Construction is a highly pressured environment and given this, plus the likely expense involved, it's advisable to seek experienced legal advice to bring a swift resolution where possible once a dispute has commenced.



When a construction contract is drafted, it's common to have the terms written down over several documents. This includes the initial agreement plans, conditions of contract, exact specifications, bill of quantities and schedule of rates. Whether this has been drawn up specifically for you, or you have used a standard JCT contract, having a lawyer who specialises in construction dispute claims to advise you is essential.

CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES



These can occur for a variety of reasons:

Sub-standard workmanship

Breach of contract

Professional negligence

Not paying agreed retention payments

Unpaid debts

Solving problems swiftly and cost effectively will be your chosen lawyer's priority, whether you are in dispute with a SME, national or multinational company. They will be able to help you with:

Loss and expense claims

Time extensions

Contract termination claims

Disputes over final accounts

Misrepresentation

Engineering dispute claims

Insolvency

KEEPING IT OUT OF COURT

Formal litigation is often a last resort and it's usually preferable, initially, to explore mediation through ADR lawyers. However, if necessary, the lawyer that you have chosen will be able to undertake litigation in various forms, such as in the Technology and Construction Court, or by carrying out international arbitration.



Contact Oratto today for knowledgeable, experienced advice about your construction dispute.