

George Rosenberg

Profile Summary



After running his own practice as a barrister and solicitor in Wellington, New Zealand, George spent 8 years with the Hong Kong Government initially as a prosecutor and eventually specialized in construction law and arbitration, becoming head of the construction law division in the Department and then being appointed head of the special legal office established to support the new Chek Lap Kok airport project – at that time the largest airport project in the World. This was one of the first major projects outside the US to make use of dispute adjudication – a forerunner to today’s dispute review and advisory boards. He left the Government to become head of the construction department in the Hong Kong

office of a leading City law firm. In 1996 he came to the UK and joined Shadbolt & Co., a leading construction law firm where he remained until 2006. He established the firm’s Athens office and worked in Greece for 2 years.

In 2006 he joined Corbett & Co International Construction Lawyers as a consultant. In 2010 together with leading Greek construction law expert, Alexandros Exarchou, he formed the new firm of Exarchou & Rosenberg International Ltd. In September 2017 he rejoined Corbett & Co.

His experience includes drafting and negotiating contracts for civil engineering and construction projects, acting as advocate in domestic, ICC and EDF arbitration as well as litigation and ADR. He has acted for governments, developers, service providers, contractors and consultants in arbitration and adjudication. He has experience in PFI in the UK Hong Kong and in Greece and on EPC contracts in the UK. He has been appointed as arbitrator in international disputes. George has acted for clients throughout Europe, in Africa, Central Asia the Middle East and the Far East.

He has spoken and tutored on Arbitration, ADR and a wide variety of construction law topics in Europe, Asia and Africa, including the ICCWBO and IBA where he has been active as an international construction law committee member.

George is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Nationality: German, New Zealand

Languages: English, French

**Expertise:**

Subject	Description	Country
Roads and Bridges	Acting for East African Government in arbitration proceedings regarding a road and bridge project.	Uganda
	Acting for the Ethiopian Roads Authority on a World Bank funded road project including ICC arbitration.	Ethiopia
	Acting for Millenium Challenge on a series of DAB disputes relating to highway construction.	Georgia
	Acting for a Contractor in an ICC arbitration dispute regarding a road project.	Greece
	Acting for a consortium in bidding for major road contract works.	Greece
	Acting for the Hong Kong Government in several disputes against the contractor in road projects. Drafting numerous contracts for road projects. Involved in BOT projects in relation to Western Harbour Crossing, tunnel and Route 3 Country part section – a toll road leading towards the Chinese border.	Hong Kong
	Acting for a consortium bidding for 3 separate road project contracts	Romania
	Acting for a consortium in dispute over 2 road projects	UAE
	Acting for Ugandan Roads Agency (RAFU) in disputes including EDF Arbitration in respect of road construction.	Uganda
Railways	Advising on contractual issues arising out of a major railway project	Hong Kong
	Advising Contractor on major Metro project (contractual terms and disputes)	Qatar
Energy and Dams	ICC arbitration dispute regarding an electricity power project	Greece
	Acting for EPC contractor in more than 10 negotiations for contracts	UK
	Acting for the Dams Implementation Unit of Sudan Government on a series of DAB disputes in relation to construction of the Merowe Dam. Advice to the DIU on other projects.	Sudan
	Advising the Contractor in an EPC co-generation power scheme including the drafting of documents and terms of contracts.	Turkey



	Subsequently advising on disputes arising under the terms of the contract.	
	Advising on claims relating to an aluminium smelter.	UAE
	Acting for the Ugandan Electricity Board in termination of a construction project for Owen Falls Dam and subsequent redrafting of future contract.	Uganda
	Advising on claims relating to a CNG terminal.	UK
Dredging, Reclamation & Ports	Acting for Government of Albania in dispute over dredging project (ICC Arbitration)	Albania
	Acting for Government of Hong Kong in preparing reclamation projects and subsequent disputes	Hong Kong
	Advising French contractor on the terms of its contract in Far Eastern country	Malaysia
Buildings	Advising a contractor bidding for major property development project	Belarus
	Acting as arbitrator in a substantial construction arbitration involving a sub-contractor claim against the main contractor in an office complex construction contract.	Hong Kong
	Re-launch of failed housing project	Middle East
	Advising contractor bidding for BOT accommodation project	Oman
	Advising contractor on major accommodation project	Qatar
	Acting for contractor in arbitration following hotel project	UAE
	Acting for the owner in a building contract dispute in London. Advising the developer in a hotel refurbishment project. Advising various contractors on building construction contracts. Acting in several disputes between design and fit-out contractor and its clients	United Kingdom
Airports	Leading the Hong Kong Government department special legal office for the new Chek Lap Kok Airport project including both non-contentious and contentious work and involving construction works for tunnels, bridges and associated infrastructure projects.	Hong Kong
	Acting for MCA Mali in DAB disputes and arbitration relating to irrigation and airport projects.	Mali



	Advising the developer of a major airport in relation to the performance of its consultant.	Middle East
Tunnels	Completion of BOT projects in relation to the third cross harbour tunnel	Hong Kong
Other		
Industrial Facilities	Advising contractor on construction of major industrial plant	UAE
Water Treatment	DIAC arbitration over dispute over sewage treatment plant in Dubai	UAE
	Advising international institution on terms of contract for water treatment plants	Cyprus
PFI/PPP	Advising parties in Private Finance Initiative (PFI) projects including successfully completed works for roads, prisons, hospitals, ticketing systems and computer services and representing members of the consortium taking the concession.	UK
	Advising parties in PPP road projects in Greece	Greece
	Advising on structuring of projects for tunnels and bridges in Hong Kong	Hong Kong
BOT	Advising bidder in BOT accommodation project	Oman
	Advising concessionaire in dispute over casino concession	Greece
Other	Acting for major international contractor in dispute relating to appointment of local agent and his remuneration	Greece
	Advising on land resumption issues relating to land required for public works	Hong Kong
	Wide range of litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation issues for various construction projects. Advice on contract drafting, negotiation, administration and completion, special conditions and other supplemental agreements. Advising on and acting in numerous dispute resolution procedures for a variety of construction related matters.	Hong Kong
	Advising a major utility company on the terms of a machinery servicing agreement arising out of a construction project.	Hong Kong
	Advising on and preparing contracts for a water treatment plant.	Netherlands
	Acting as counsel in DIAC arbitration relating to a major public commemoration.	Oman



	Advising property developer in restructuring of a major failed property development.	Oman
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Career:

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
1973-1984	Wellington	George Rosenberg	Partner	Barrister and Solicitor. Many appearances in courts at all level (up to Privy Council). Over 30 reported cases.
1984-1988 & 1990 - 1994	Hong Kong	HK Government Attorney General's Chambers	Deputy Principal Crown Counsel and Deputy Solicitor General	Prosecutor then in Law Reform Commission where he drafted report on adoption of the Uncitral Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration. Acted as advisor and appeared as counsel in construction disputes and high court civil disputes.
1988 – 1989	London	Hughes Watton	Head of Litigation Department	Real Estate Litigation
1992 - 1994	Hong Kong	HK Government	Head of Construction. Department then Head of Legal Advisory Division of New Airport Project Coordination office (NAPCO)	Advising at all levels from contract drafting and formation to contractual issues and disputes, acting as advocate in arbitration. Management of a large team of lawyers.
1994 - 1995	Hong Kong	McKenna Minter Ellison	Partner & Head of Construction Department	Responsible for all construction related work including Chek Lap Kok Airport Development.
1996 - 2006	London & Athens	Shadbolt & Co	Head of Projects Group & Head of Athens office	Acting for clients in BOT, PFI, CHP, and EPC construction contracts. Acting for Contractors and Developers/Employers in major international construction and engineering disputes



2006 - 2010	London	Corbett & Co	Consultant	Both non-contentious and contentious work regarding international construction contracts, disputes and arbitrations and dispute boards.
2010 - 2017	Athens, Greece	Exarchou & Rosenberg International Ltd	Director	Acting for Contractors and Developers/Employers in major international construction and engineering disputes and for property developer in major restructuring.
2017 to date	London	Corbett & Co	Consultant	Both non-contentious and contentious work regarding international construction contracts, disputes and arbitrations

Education:

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand	LLB (Hons)

Membership of professional bodies:

Solicitor -Advocate All Higher Courts of England and Wales
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
Member, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF)
Member of Drafting Committee for ICC Dispute Board Rules

Barrister and Solicitor, New Zealand (Not currently practicing)
Solicitor Hong Kong (Not currently practicing)