

Richard Adams

Profile Summary



Richard is a barrister and specialises in the drafting and negotiation of construction and engineering contract documentation predominantly in the process engineering field. With over 30 years' experience as a non contentious lawyer, and including in house legal and commercial experience, he has dealt with projects ranging from power generation, gas cleaning, incineration, water treatment, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, metals, windfarms and power interconnectors to nuclear decommissioning and new build.

His experience has been drawn mainly from advising the contractor or specialist supplier party, both in the UK and worldwide, and against a wide range of types and forms of contract, including the various FIDIC, IChemE, IMechE and NEC forms of contract, invariably amended. A number of such UK projects are within PFI schemes and his expertise also extends to dealing with the collateral agreements and securities typically expected of contractors and key suppliers both within and outside PFI financed projects.

After being called to the Bar in 1976, a year as an articled clerk to a City (of London) Notary Public and some eight years in commercial/legal positions in shipping and with the British Petroleum Company plc, he then started his career in the process engineering sector by joining MW Kellogg Limited, a US owned company, as a legal advisor in 1986. He had a further similar role with Davy McKee (London) Limited, and then joined Lurgi (UK) Limited in 1991 initially as its commercial manager and going on to become its head of legal and with responsibility also for procurement. That role took him worldwide in terms of advising other subsidiaries of what was then Metallgesellschaft AG of Frankfurt, Germany (the ultimate owners of Lurgi UK) on contracts under English Law in which they were involved.

Since 2002 he has worked on his own within Adams Legal Limited, within the same process engineering industry, and with a much broader range of clients and projects. He is a German speaker.

Nationality: British

Languages: English, German

Expertise:

Subject	Description	Country
Energy	Flue gas Desulphurisation - Advising the main contractor on large power station FGD lumpsum EPC contracts, related financing agreements and on securities. Settling subcontract terms. In certain cases advising the main contractor on settlement agreements.	England, Scotland and Republic of Ireland
Nuclear Energy	Advising the package supplier in relation to a contract for the supply and installation of specialist cranes on a lumpsum EPC basis (excluding civils and services).	England
	Advising the package supplier in relation to a contract for the design, certification and supply of specialist radiation shielded containers for long term storage of nuclear waste on a reimbursable basis, and subsequently on its termination for convenience.	England
	Advising the main contractor on a split stage contract, reimbursable for the basic process design, safety case and costing and then lumpsum for EPC implementation (excluding civils and services), for a nuclear legacy waste conversion and processing plant.	England
Air cooled Condenser Plants Specialist Supply	Advising the specialist supplier for a number of contracts ranging from supply only with limited site supervisory services to full EPC responsibility on a variety of lumpsum and reimbursable terms, for both conventional, waste to energy and solar powered boiler applications and for crude/chemicals processing, including offshore.	Dubai, Qatar, Scotland, South Africa, Trinidad and UAE
Centrifuge and Related Equipment Specialist Supply	Advising the specialist supplier for numerous subcontracts and direct supply contracts with a similar range of related site services and payment bases and across a broad spectrum of process application covering oil and gas, food, drinks and pharmaceuticals.	Worldwide
Chemicals	Advising the main contractor, as part of a joint venture, on a lumpsum EPC contract for a sulphuric acid plant and for an aluminium smelter paste plant, including subsequent novation as part of the financing arrangements for one contract.	England and Saudi Arabia
	Advising the main contractor on a lumpsum EPC contract basis for a synthesis gas plant at a chemical production facility. (in house)	Nanjing, PRC
Gas Cleaning	Advising the main contractor on a cement plant gas cleaning and dust abatement lumpsum contract.	Scotland



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Incineration	Advising the main contractor, as part of a joint venture, on a build and operate waste incineration contract.	Channel Islands
	Bidding, negotiating and commercially administering several EPC lumpsum contracts for domestic, clinical and hazardous waste incineration for various end users and including settling subcontract terms and the administration of those subcontracts. (in house)	England
	Advising the contractor on various repair, revamp and maintenance contracts with a utility company on a reimbursable or target price basis.	England
	Advising the main contractor, in some cases as part of a joint venture, on waste incineration lumpsum EPC contracts for domestic waste, biomass and with associated power generation, related financing and securities, including in some cases within PFI arrangements. Settling subcontract terms. In certain cases advising the main contractor on settlement agreements.	England and Northern Ireland
	Advising the package main contractor for a boiler island package on a supply only and limited site services/ lumpsum EPC contract.	England, Holland and Hong Kong
	Advising the main contractor for a CHP plant on a lumpsum EPC contract basis.	England and Poland
	Advising a subcontractor on the main package for conversion of a CFB boiler to biomass incineration on a lumpsum EPC (excluding civils and services) contract.	France
	Advising the main contractor for two incineration plants in relation to the related lenders direct agreements.	Sicily
Metals	Advising the main contractor as part of a joint venture, on a lump sum EPC contract (financed) for a Midrex steel making plant at an existing facility. (in house)	Qatar
	Advising the main contractor in relation to a technical services agreement, an O+M agreement and a lenders direct agreement arising out of its EPC contract for a sinter plant at a manganese production treatment facility.	South Africa
	Finalising the terms of, securing finance for, administering and then negotiating a significant extension to a lumpsum EPC contract for a sinter plant at a steel making facility. (in house)	Zimbabwe
Sludge Incineration	Advising the main contractor, as part of a joint venture, on a split stage contract with a utilities company, reimbursable for the basic design and target price costing and target price for EPC implementation.	England



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	Bidding, negotiating and commercially administering several EPC lumpsum contracts for sludge and paper mill waste incineration for various utility companies, some being carried out within a joint venture, and including settling subcontract terms and the administration of those subcontracts. (in house)	England
Water Treatment	Advising a subcontractor for an effluent treatment plant on a supply and limited site services contract.	Qatar
Wood treatment plant and production facilities specialist supply	Advising the specialist supplier for the supply and installation of an engineered timber production facility on a lumpsum EPC contract, excluding civils and services and including certain target price elements.	Republic of Ireland
	Advising the specialist supplier of a biomass wood pellet drier on a supply only contract with limited site supervisory services.	USA Mississippi

Career:

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
1976-1977	London	Cheeswright Murly & Co	Articled Clerk	Notarial work in shipping.
1977-1979	London	Lemos & Pateras Limited	Legal Advisor	Ship chartering and operations on behalf of owners.
1979-1986	London	The British Petroleum Company plc	Tanker Chartering Supervisor Legal Assistant	BP Chemicals; spot market chartering and operation of chemical tonnage. BP Coal; drafting of coal exploration agreements and sales contracts
1986-1988	London	MW Kellogg Limited	Legal Advisor	Process engineering contracts.
1989-1991	London	Davy McKee (London) Limited	Legal Advisor	Process engineering contracts.
1991-2002	Woking	Lurgi (UK) Limited	Commercial Manager and Head of Legal	Bid preparation, negotiation of process engineering contracts, supervision of procurement and contract execution.
2002-current	Surrey	Adams Legal Limited	Director and employed barrister	Process engineering contracts and related matters.
2015-current	Teddington	Corbett & Co	Consultant	Non contentious process engineering contracts and related matters.

Education:

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Peterhouse, Cambridge (1972-1975)	BA (Classics and Law), converted into an MA 1979
The College of Law, Chancery Lane Part 2 (1975-1976)	Called to the Bar 1976

Membership of professional bodies:

Employed Barrister, the General Council of the Bar, England and Wales
Member, Society of Construction Law
Member, Anglo German Construction Law Platform
Affiliate Member, Institution of Chemical Engineers