

Roger Button

Profile Summary



For over 40 years Roger has provided legal support for construction and engineering projects, both in the UK and internationally. His work has included the drafting and negotiation of contracts, general advice during the project and the resolution of claims. He has acted for all participants in the construction process, including employers, contractors, subcontractors and consultants.

After studying at Oxford University, Roger qualified as a solicitor in 1971. Following qualification he joined the legal department of a large UK contractor. Thereafter, he worked in two London law firms before joining Jaques & Lewis (subsequently Eversheds) in 1982. In 2001 he joined Shadbolt & Co, a specialist construction practice. In 2010 he became a partner in Mills & Co whilst also acting as a consultant to other law firms, both in the UK and abroad. He joined Corbett & Co as a consultant in 2018.

He has acted as an adjudicator in connection with disputes arising under construction and engineering contracts on a number of occasions. Recently, he has acted as the interim head of the legal department of a large UK and international contractor, advising on all aspects of construction and engineering contracts, including the preparation of tenders, the negotiation of contracts and claims.

Roger is a Deputy Chairman of the Contracts Committee of the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE), which is responsible for the drafting and amendment of all engineering contracts published by the IChemE, including the IChemE Burgundy Book form of target cost contract, which Roger originated. He has also been concerned with the drafting of the IChemE international suite of contracts for use in process projects worldwide.

He is a member of the Society of Construction Law, the Society of Construction Arbitrators and a Registered Arbitrator at the Qatar International Center of Arbitration.

Roger has frequently spoken at conferences on construction law topics, including on the FIDIC forms of contract and contracts for process projects.

Nationality: British



Expertise

Subject	Description	Country
Adjudicator	Acting as Adjudicator in deciding dispute arising out of EPC contract relating to upgrade work to waste water treatment plant	UK
	Acting as Adjudicator in relation to dispute arising out of EPC contract for the design and installation of new facility for manufacturer of chemicals	UK
	Acting as adjudicator to decide claim by contractor against employer, alleging wrongful termination of EPC contract	UK
	Acting as adjudicator in deciding dispute arising out of lump sum EPC contract for process plant	UK
	Acting as adjudicator to decide claim by contractor for compensation for breach of EPC contract relating to process plant project	UK
Roads	Advising project manager in relation to claim by contractor for additional payment under road contract	United Arab Emirates
	Advice and representation of Contractor in connection with dispute under FIDIC contract for road construction	Romania
Railways	Advice and contract negotiation on behalf of supply chain to upgrade two thirds of the London Underground network – total value of work £3bn. Advising and representing supply chain following insolvency of Main Contractor	UK
	Advice and negotiation on behalf of Contractor in connection with claim by Contractor for additional payment for work to rail network	UK
	Representation of contractor in claim by subcontractor for additional payment arising out of major rail refurbishment project	UK
	Representation of main contractor in large rail project in relation to proceedings by subcontractor claiming additional payment	UK
	Advice and representation of Main Contractor in relation to claim by Sub-consultant for additional payment	Qatar
Energy	Advising concerning the termination of a contract for the construction of an oil industry facility	Qatar



	Representation of Contractor in connection with detailed negotiation of lump sum EPC contract in connection with petrochemical plant	Iraq
	Representation of claimant in arbitration proceedings arising out of contract for the supply of services to oil industry.	Iraq
	Advising and representing contractor in claim for additional payment under energy sector contract.	Kuwait
	Representation of subcontractor in claim arising out of electricity generation project	Thailand
	Preparation of Services Agreement for oil service company	Iraq
	Advising contractor in relation to tender for renewable energy project, including drafting extensive tender qualifications	Egypt
	Advising and representing Employer in relation to project for electricity generating station using renewable energy source	UK
Dredging	Advice to Main Contractor concerning claim by Sub-Contractor in connection with a dredging contract	Bahrain
Buildings	Representation of sub-contractor in connection with claims for payment for variations	UK
	Preparation of claim for extension of time in relation to property development	Qatar
	Representation of Respondent at hearing of ICC arbitration arising out of termination of construction contract for major development	Qatar
	Assisting Arbitral Tribunal in connection with arbitration proceedings arising out of building project in GCC	United Arab Emirates
	Advising in relation to a construction project, following suspension of trading licence	United Arab Emirates
	Advice and representation of Contractor in relation to proceedings by Contractor for additional payment for mechanical and electrical work on major development	UK
	Advising on and negotiating consultancy contract on behalf of Middle Eastern government	Bahrain
	Advising Project Manager and Employer as to right of consultants to claim additional payment in relation to major residential development	Qatar
Airports	Advising Contractor concerning tender for major project	Iraq



Process	Detailed advice on claims by contractor under EPC contract for major infrastructure project	Qatar
	Preparation of points of claim in arbitration proceedings arising out of lump sum EPC contract relating to waste water treatment	United Arab Emirates
	Advice and representation of contractor concerning claim arising from EPC contract for the design and construction of waste water treatment plant	Qatar
	Acting on behalf of Contractor on arbitration proceedings arising out of EPC contract for industrial waste processing plant	UK
	Drafting and negotiating contractual documentation and representing Employer in relation to a project for the construction of process plant involving Swiss Employer and Finnish Contractor	Germany
	Drafting and advising on contract for the supply and installation of industrial equipment. Preparation of detailed amendments for use in negotiations	United Arab Emirates
	Acting on behalf of Consultants in connection with claims arising out of design of pharmaceutical plant	Egypt
Other	Advice and representation of Contractor in relation to claim arising out of termination of pipe-work contract	Romania
	Acting on behalf of German Contractor in connection with legal proceedings concerning the supply and installation of machinery	Iran
	Advising Employer in relation to possible termination of construction contract concerning bridge project	United Arab Emirates
	Representation of contractor in relation to claim arising out of major PFI/PPP project	UK
	Commencing the conduct of an investigation into a major real estate development	Oman
	Regular advice to professional consultancy in Middle East on contractual issues arising out of construction and engineering projects	GCC
	Advising Polish purchasers in relation to claim concerning the sale of sheet steel by company in Korea, subsequently incorporated in building products	Poland/Czech Republic
	Preparation of claim arising out of lump sum turnkey contract concerning major canal project in Central America	Panama



Representation of consultants in relation to claim for additional payment under contract concerning major Middle East leisure development	Qatar
Acting as Interim Head of Legal Department for large UK contractor, advising on all aspects of construction and EPC contracts, including preparation of tenders, negotiation and claims	UK and United Arab Emirates
Preparation of suite of contracts for use by Contractor	Egypt
Preparation of standard form of subcontract for use by Contractor	Greece
Undertaking Due Diligence investigation on behalf of a Japanese purchaser of a group of UK companies	UK

Career:

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
1971	London	London Borough of Southwark	Articled Clerk (trainee)	Admitted as a Solicitor
1971-1973	London	Sir Lindsay Parkinson (building contractors)	Assistant Solicitor	Legal Department, providing legal assistance on all aspects of the company's business
1973-1979	London	Church, Adams, Tatham & Co	Assistant Solicitor and Partner	Undertaking all aspects of civil litigation, including construction matters
1979-1982	London	Taylor, Tyrrell, Lewis & Craig	Assistant Solicitor and Partner	Undertaking all aspects of civil litigation, including construction matters
1982-2001	London	Jaques & Lewis (later merged with Eversheds)	Partner	Dealing with all aspects of construction and engineering contracts. Founded construction department in 1987
2001-2010	London	Shadbolt & Co	Partner	Construction law department, specialising in contract negotiation, dispute resolution, litigation and arbitration in the construction sector, UK and international projects.
2010-2018	London	Mills & Co	Partner	Partner in specialist construction practice
2018	London	Corbett & Co	Consultant	Providing legal support to construction projects in the UK and internationally

Education:

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Oxford University (1964-1967)	BA in Jurisprudence

Other relevant information:

Books/ Publications/Articles	Details
IChemE contracts	Contributor to drafting and amendment of suite of contracts for the process industry
A Handbook for Tendering and Contracting	Jointly, with Professor Rudi Klein

Membership of professional bodies:

Solicitor of England and Wales
 Member, Society of Construction Lawyers (SCL)
 Member, Society of Construction Arbitrators
 Deputy Chairman, Contracts Committee, IChemE
 Registered Adjudicator
 Trained Mediator
 Registered Arbitrator at Qatar International Center of Arbitration