



Victoria Tyson
Director

Victoria Tyson is a Director of Corbett & Co. A contentious construction lawyer with over 20 years' experience in international construction law disputes. Exposure to many high-profile and often politically sensitive international construction and engineering projects. Acts for governments and ministries, international contractors, and consultants. Particular expertise in complex international arbitration and specialist knowledge of the FIDIC forms of construction contract. Formerly with Masons (now Pinsent Masons) and Herbert Smith (now Herbert Smith Freehills). Qualified in both England and Wales and Hong Kong.

Recommended in The Legal 500 since 2017, her clients say:

- *'smart and smooth'*
- forming the *'perfect power package'* with Edward Corbett
- *'great experience and very good time management'*
- *'diligent and considered approach'*

Best Woman in Construction Law 2019: The European Women in Construction and Engineering (WICE) Awards.

Victoria is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) and is in the Executive Group of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) UK. She is partnered with the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Training and is working closely with the ICE Law and Contracts examination panel to update the ICE's portfolio of eLearning courses which she first developed in 2016. She is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).

Victoria writes Practice Notes for Lexis PSL on the FIDIC Forms of Contract, and contributes to other publications including *'Light At The End Of The Tunnel? Gibraltar Dispute Reviews Key FIDIC Yellow Book Provisions'* ICLR [2014] 506. In March 2020 Victoria spoke at the Central and Eastern European DRBF Conference in Tbilisi, Georgia. In August 2020 Victoria will be speaking at the UK 2020 London Adjudication & Arbitration Conference. Victoria also presents for Cornerstone Seminars.

Nationality: British

Languages: English

Expertise

Subject	Description	Country
Roads	Acting for the responding Government employer in ICC arbitration proceedings to settle disputes arising from a €15 million amended FIDIC Red Book 1999 for the construction of roads.	Romania
	Acting for the responding Government employer in Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings and thereafter ICC arbitration proceedings to settle disputes arising from a €21 million amended FIDIC Red Book 1999 for the construction of roads.	Romania
	Advising the claimant Government employer on the renegotiation of a €2.3 billion bespoke contract for the construction of roads.	Romania
	Acting for the claimant Government employer in arbitration proceedings administered by the Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania and Bucharest to settle disputes arising from the termination of a €6 million consultancy agreement for the design, review and supervision of roads in Romania. Assisting in the successful call of the advance payment bond, which was the subject of injunction proceedings in the Italian courts.	Romania
Railways	Advising a consultant in relation to geotechnical investigations along a railway corridor and at a mine.	Guinea
	Acting for the Government in mediation proceedings in relation to claims concerning the construction of the airport railway link on reclaimed land.	Hong Kong
	Advising a Greek contractor in relation to disputes concerning site possession and access arising from a €51 million amended FIDIC Red Book 1999 for the construction of railway track.	Romania
	Advising the employer's representative pre-tender on the drafting of a contract (based on the FIDIC Silver Book 1999) for the construction of a railway.	Vietnam
Energy and Dams	Acting for the claimant joint venture contractor in ICC arbitration proceedings to settle delay and disruption disputes arising from a US\$35.8 million contract for the construction of a new unleaded gasoline/low sulphur gas oil plant in Abu Dhabi and enforcing the Award in the Italian Courts.	Abu Dhabi
	Advising the lead partner of a consortium in relation to disputes concerning site possession and access arising from a	Borneo

Energy and Dams (continued)	US\$27 million bespoke contract for the construction of a gas pipeline line.	
	Advising on concurrent delay in respect of a hydropower project.	Chile
	Advising a contractor in relation to a dispute arising out of the supply and installation of three generator sets under a Purchase Order agreement.	Egypt
	Assisting the Egyptian, Ethiopian and Sudanese Governments in the procurement of a study assessing the environmental and social impacts of a large gravity dam on the Blue Nile.	Ethiopia
	Advising an employer in relation to a €1 billion delay and disruption claim under an amended FIDIC Silver Book 1999 concerning a large gravity dam on the Blue Nile.	Ethiopia
	Advising the responding owner in respect of Dispute Review Board proceedings to settle disputes arising from the construction of a US\$2 billion hydro-electrical project.	Iceland
	Advising a Japanese design team in relation to an insurance dispute arising out of damage to a concrete lined headrace tunnel for a hydroelectric power project in Indonesia built under an amended FIDIC Red Book 1999.	Indonesia
	Acting for a government employer in arbitration proceedings under the UNCITRAL arbitration rules in respect of the construction and operation of several geothermic power plants.	Indonesia
	Advising the contractor on the risk allocation in a US\$250million EPC contract for several power plants in a large oil field west of Basra.	Iraq
	Advising a supplier in respect of the termination of a Supply Agreement relating to transportable power stations.	Kenya
	Advising the subcontractor in respect of claims arising out of a €21.4 million amended FIDIC Silver Book 1999 for the construction of an emergency diesel power station.	Namibia
	Advising an engineer pre-tender on the drafting of a contract (based on the FIDIC MDB Pink Book 2010) for a hydropower project.	Pakistan
	Advising the contractor in relation to disputes concerning delayed completion arising from a US\$50 million bespoke contract for the procurement and construction of a new air separation plant at an existing facility.	Saudi Arabia
	Advising the employer in relation to disputes arising out of a US\$150 million bespoke contract concerning defects to an extension to an existing power plant.	Sudan

Energy and Dams (continued)	Advising the employer in relation to a bespoke contract for the construction of a sponge coke fired power project.	Sudan
	Advising a Japanese partner of a joint venture in respect of price adjustment disputes with the employer arising from a contract for engineering and consultancy services on a US\$1,140 million water supply project.	Turkey
	Advising the contractor pre-tender on the drafting of a contract for an off-shore wind farm.	UK
	Providing advice to a contractor on a windfarm project in North Yorkshire.	UK
	Representing a French contractor in adjudication proceedings concerning the professional indemnity provisions of a heavily amended FIDIC Yellow Book 1999 concerning a nuclear power station.	UK
Dredging	Acting for the respondent Government employer in ICC arbitration proceedings in relation to a termination claim concerning unforeseen ground conditions and explosive ordinance devices arising out of a €3.1 million FIDIC Blue Book dredging contract.	Albania
Buildings	Advising the referring demolition contractor in respect of Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings to settle disputes over additional works arising from a €2.5 million contract (based on the FIDIC Yellow Book 1999) for the decommissioning, decontamination and demolition of a chemical plant.	Cyprus
	Acting for the claimant contractors in an ICC arbitration to settle disputes arising from a US\$14.6 million contract (based on the FIDIC Yellow Book 1999) for the design, supply and erection of the steel structure for a steel manufacturing plant.	Egypt
	Advising various employers in Gibraltar in respect of amended JCT 98 contracts (private without quantities) where the contractor had gone into receivership.	Gibraltar
	Advising a German subcontractor in arbitration proceedings under the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Domestic Arbitration Rules against a Japanese contractor over the design, manufacture and installation of a suspended ceiling.	Hong Kong
	Advising construction managers on behalf of an employer in relation to disputes concerning the cost of installation of electrical works arising from a US\$114 million bespoke contract for the construction of a cement plant.	Jordan
	Advising a contractor in respect of a delay and disruption dispute arising under three purchase orders which had been referred to the High Court of Kenya.	Kenya

Buildings (continued)	Acting for the claimant contractor in ICC arbitration proceedings against the European Union concerning disputes arising from a €22 million contract (based on the FIDIC Yellow Book 1999) for the design and construction of a 5-building complex.	Kosovo
	Advising the employer on a contract based on the FIDIC Yellow Book 1999, in respect of force majeure events which delayed the construction of a luxury hotel and commercial complex.	Libya
	Acting for the responding employer in Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings to settle disputes arising from a €62 million amended FIDIC Red Book 1999 for the construction of luxury apartments.	Romania
	Advising a Saudi-Arabian sub-contractor in respect of arbitration proceedings under the Rules of the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association against a Japanese contractor in relation to the fabrication, supply and delivery of steel for the enlargement of a polyethylene plant.	Saudi Arabia
	Advising the claimant employer in respect of court proceedings to settle disputes relating to defective works arising from a £1.2 million bespoke contract for the design and build of residential housing.	UK
	Acting for the claimant contractors in an UNCITRAL arbitration to settle delay and defect disputes arising from contracts totalling €28.5 million for the construction of a four-star hotel.	Ukraine
Bridges	Acting for a multinational joint venture in separate mediation proceedings concerning one of the longest cable-stayed bridges in the world and one of the largest suspension bridges in the world.	Hong Kong
Airports	Acting for the Government of Gibraltar in <i>Obrascon Huarte Lain SA v Her Majesty's Attorney General for Gibraltar [2014] EWHC 1028 (TCC); [2014] BLR 484</i> in relation to disputes arising out of a £30 million contract (FIDIC Yellow Book 1999) concerning design and construction work to the Gibraltar Airport and Frontier Access Road, including a tunnel under the airport runway.	Gibraltar
	Assisting in numerous disputes arising in connection with the construction of Chek Lap Kok (Hong Kong's international airport), including acting for a multinational joint venture in arbitration proceedings under the Airport Core Programme Arbitration Rules on disputes in connection with the main terminal building.	Hong Kong
	Acting for the employer in SIAC arbitration proceedings against a Spanish contractor in respect of disputes arising out of a US\$50 million contract (amended FIDIC Pink Book 2010)	Nepal

	concerning the airport infrastructure and terminal improvement works at Tribhuvan International Airport.	
Other	Advising the contractor in relation to a dispute arising out of an AED604 million amended FIDIC Red Book 1999 concerning the construction of a large waterpark.	Abu Dhabi
	Assisting in the drafting of a suite of contracts comprising a construction contract, a framework consultant's contract and call-off form, and an equipment supply contract for use in Africa and the Middle East.	Africa and the Middle East
	Acting in arbitration proceedings in London concerning the supply of goods and delays caused by force majeure events in Egypt under the ICC Arbitration Rules and the LMAA Terms.	UK
	Providing ongoing advice in respect of hydrogeology testing on the York Potash mining project in the north of England.	UK

Career

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
1996-1998	London	Masons	Trainee Solicitor	Construction, Property Litigation and Environmental Departments
1998-2000	Hong Kong	Masons	Assistant Solicitor	Construction Department
2000-2003	Hong Kong	Herbert Smith	Assistant Solicitor	Litigation and Arbitration Department, Construction Group
2003-date	London	Corbett & Co.	Director / Solicitor	International Construction Law

Education

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained
University of Northumbria (1989-1993)	BSc (Hons) 2:1 Building Management - Tolent Construction Prize for Economics & Finance
University of Northumbria (1993-1994)	Common Professional Examination
College of Law (1994-1995)	Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice
Law Society of Hong Kong (2001)	Overseas Lawyer Qualification Examination
King's College London (2005 – 2008)	MSc (Merit) Construction Law and Dispute Resolution - Dissertation: The Enforcement of Dispute Board Decisions - Arbitral Award Writing

Membership of Professional Bodies

Solicitor, Supreme Court of England and Wales
 Solicitor, High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
 Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
 Executive Group UK, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF)
 Member, Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
 Member, Society of Construction Law (SCL)
 Member, International Bar Association (IBA)
 Member, King's College Construction Law Association (KCCLA)
 Member, Adjudication Society (AS)
 Member, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)