

Rupert Sydenham

Partner

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Biography

Rupert Sydenham enjoys helping his clients to resolve complex construction and engineering disputes efficiently and effectively. He particularly values the close working with his clients' legal, commercial and technical teams that is typically required for successful outcomes.

Rupert heads the firm's construction and engineering disputes practice in London. Over an international career spanning more than 25 years, he has advised on projects in many industry sectors including transport (railways, airports, roads, ports, cable cars), traditional and renewable energy (oil, gas, wind, solar, hydro), waste to energy, refineries and petrochemical plants, commercial and residential developments, hospitals, theatre stages and casinos. He brings his wide experience to helping clients ensure projects are put and stay on track and, where disputes are unavoidable, in the conduct of formal and informal dispute resolution proceedings. He has represented clients in arbitrations under several of the major institutional bodies including particularly the ICC and LCIA. He has advised on contracts based upon FIDIC, NEC, IChemE, ICE and many other standard forms in common use in the industry.

Rupert is also ranked in Chambers legal directory for public procurement disputes. He has represented clients in several of the highest profile procurement cases reported in England over the past several years.



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Languages

English

Practices

Energy Disputes

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

International Arbitration

Litigation Services

Industries

Manufacturing and Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Representative experience

Advising the developer of a property development in the Moscow region in London seated LCIA arbitration proceedings in respect of disputes relating to delay and disruption of the project.

Advising an EPCM services provider for a new airport in the Middle East in legal risk management and in London seated ICC arbitration proceedings with the owner concerning numerous airport facilities.

Advising a gas turbine equipment supplier in mediation proceedings with the purchaser concerning allegations of delays in delivery and defects in the turbine.

Advising the contractor under a major PPP contract for maintenance/upgrading of substantial and aging transport infrastructure in England on sets of adjudication proceedings.

Advising the EPC contractor of a waste to energy power station regarding substantial claims brought by subcontractors and defending claims in adjudication and LCIA arbitration proceedings.

Advising the contractor of a prototype nuclear fusion plant in High Court proceedings against a key supplier in respect of a dispute over technical issues concerning a massive flywheel.

Advising the project owner for two hydroelectric projects in Turkey on issues relating to the design and construction of the projects, including time and the owner's entitlement to terminate.

Advising the owner of a 500MW gas fired power plant in negotiations with EPC contractors and major maintenance service providers over EPC contract and Major Maintenance Agreement terms for the plant.

Advising an oil company in London seated LCIA arbitration proceedings relating to collapse of a riser pipe off the West Coast of Africa.

Advising a rolling stock contractor in relation to the award of a contract for rolling stock by HS2.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

IERP Dispute Resolution

Engineering, Procurement,
Construction, and Supply Chain

Mining and Resources

Oil and Gas: Exploration and
Production

Operation and Maintenance,
Facilities Management, Services and
Commercial

Nuclear Power

PPPs (including P3 and PFI) and
Government Contracts

Education and admissions

Education

Law Society Finals, The College of
Law, Chester

Common Professional Examination,
Middlesex University

MA Mathematics, University of
Cambridge, Corpus Christi College

Accolades

'He is great – very tactically astute'

Chambers

Representing a contractor challenging the award of a contract to upgrade the train control systems on the East Coast Main Line.

Representing a contractor challenging the award of the contract for the construction of one of the London terminus stations for the HS2 line.

Representing a rolling stock challenging the award of a contract for upgrading rolling stock on the London Underground in High Court proceedings.

Representing a tenderer challenging the award of a contract for decommissioning of nuclear facilities in High Court proceedings.

Representing a facilities manager in High Court proceedings against a government department in respect of the procurement of facilities management services for the department's estate.

Awards and rankings

- Construction, *Who's Who Legal*, 2021

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Offshore wind projects with Chinese suppliers: Topics you should think about
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Hogan Lovells Client Note: Offshore wind projects with Chinese suppliers: Topics you should think about
- Insights and Analysis
 - Continued: What policies are most likely to shape the UK construction industry in the coming years?
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- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Construction Conference: The next decade in construction and engineering
- News

- Are standard form construction contracts fit for the 'Smart Infrastructure' of the future?