

Tom Smith

Partner
London

Biography

Tom is a partner in the International Arbitration, Construction & Engineering team in London, advising clients on contentious issues arising out of their operations across the world. Tom has particular expertise in the resolution of disputes associated with complex engineering and infrastructure projects, and brings experience and knowledge of arbitration, mediation and court proceedings in the Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court.

Tom is experienced in advising clients in relation to projects based in Europe, Africa and Asia in the conventional and nuclear power, offshore wind, oil and gas, commercial space flight, defence, and transport industries. He has also acted in a number of commercial disputes in the pharmaceutical and telecommunications sectors. Legal 500 commends Tom as "*truly outstanding*" and "*highly experienced in big ticket work*".

Tom combines his disputes practice with advisory work, supporting businesses to identify and manage risk throughout the entire life cycle of their projects. He also provides training on legal issues in the construction and engineering sector, and is a regular speaker at conferences and events, including at the ICC in Africa, Overseas Contractors Association of Japan, Inc. (OCAJI) in Tokyo and the Turkish Contractors Association in Ankara. Tom's pro bono practice includes representing claimants in a number of constitutional challenges that seek to decriminalise homosexuality in the Caribbean.



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Practices

International Arbitration

Space and Satellite

Africa Regional Practice

Education and admissions

Education

MA (First Class), King's College
London, 2018

LPC, BPP University Law School,
2009

LL.B., King's College London, 2008

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Tom has experience of conducting arbitrations under the ICC, LCIA, LMAA and UNCITRAL rules, and has acted in cases brought before the Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court in London, the Courts of several European jurisdictions and before the High Court of St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Representative experience

Acting for an EPCM contractor in ICC arbitration proceedings concerning some 100+ claims and counterclaims relating to the design, construction and CM of a petrochemical plant in the Middle East.

Acting for an EPC contractor in relation to various disputes arising from the construction of a conventional power plant in the Netherlands.

Representing an EPC Contractor in an LCIA arbitration concerning allegations of defective work, delay and design liabilities arising from a 140 turbine offshore wind project in UK territorial waters.

Advising a heavy industries company on disputes arising from the supply and installation of new port crane infrastructure to a project in Turkey.

Acting for a contractor in relation to a series of adjudications concerning a major electricity interconnector project between the UK and Scandinavia.

Acting for an EPC contractor in relation to various disputes arising from the construction of a conventional power plant in the Netherlands.

Advising an Asian heavy industries company in relation to disputes arising from the engineering, procurement and construction of a USD\$1 billion + new build fertiliser plant in Central Asia.

Advising a defence contractor on its participation in the procurement, assembly and commissioning of a next generation fighter jet program for a foreign government.

Representing an US media company in an LCIA arbitration relating to delay and disruption to

Accolades

"Tom Smith is one of the very best. He has great instincts and works extremely hard for every client"

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construction works on the advertising estate on the London Underground network.

Advising an aerospace contractor on its joint participation through risk and revenue sharing agreements in a range of civil aero engine programs.

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