



Corbett and Co International Construction Lawyers Ltd





We are a leading company of solicitors, providing construction law advice of the highest quality to our clients throughout the World.

Corbett & Co International Construction Lawyers Ltd works exclusively in the construction law sector and is widely recognised as one of the principal law practices dealing with international arbitration and the FIDIC forms of contract. The company is engaged all over the world advising on procurement issues, the drafting and negotiating of construction contracts, on dispute avoidance and dispute resolution.

Corbett & Co has had extensive experience in arbitration, litigation, adjudication and most forms of ADR. The main areas of practice are major energy, infrastructure and transport projects, and building and civil engineering projects. We work with governments and governmental agencies, investment banks, contractors, subcontractors and construction professionals.

The practice was founded in 1993 by Edward Corbett when he left the partnership of Masons. The firm incorporated to become Corbett & Co International Construction Lawyers Ltd on 1 January 2008. Andrew Tweeddale and Stephen Mangan became directors at that time and have recently been joined by Victoria Tyson. Corbett & Co is supported by three consultants: Dominic Helps, Elizabeth Slattery and Martin Bridgewater as well as specialist senior and junior assistant solicitors.



Edward Corbett

Edward Corbett is described
“as having ‘written the book’
on FIDIC contracts.”

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Our Values

Our company is built on the achievements of its lawyers, on the ambition to do the best for each and every client.

We believe that the quality and commitment of each of our lawyers makes a difference. We are unique in character and uncompromisingly committed to achieving success for our clients. Underpinning our company is a set of values and commitment to:

- excellence in the work we provide;
- high levels of academic training;
- creative thinking; and
- a focus on client needs.

The way we operate is characterised by a combination of openness, confidence, value and respect for people, a sense of humour and a desire to meet our clients' aims.

Our Clients

Achieving success for our clients is our priority. All our lawyers have a wealth of experience in construction and engineering law. We understand our clients' businesses which then enables us to deliver the quality of advice and service they expect.

Knowing our clients' businesses is the key to provide an effective service and therefore solve their legal and business problems. We aim to meet exacting standards of responsiveness and availability in our dealings with clients. We will customise our services for our clients and always put the client first.

We constantly review and appraise our own performance. We adopt a collegiate approach to our work in order to ensure that the wealth of experience we possess is shared around the company. We try to keep a flexible mindset and to demonstrate readiness to make changes to teams or to working practices if the needs of our clients demand it.

In this way we have built trusted relationships with international clients including governments and governmental institutions, the world's major investment and commercial banks and some of the biggest engineering and contracting firms in the world.



Andrew Tweeddale



Victoria Tyson



Stephen Mangan

Our Work

Where do we work?

It is easier to ask where we don't.

Corbett & Co has worked on many major international projects from large social housing projects in Southern Europe to energy projects in Iceland, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. Although highly regarded for its international practice, our work in the English domestic market has also significantly increased with the arrival of Dominic Helps, Elizabeth Slattery and Martin Bridgewater as consultants. We have extensive knowledge of all the major forms of contract and are considered as the leading practice in relation to disputes involving the FIDIC forms of contract.

Roads, Bridges and Railways

Corbett & Co is regularly instructed to review road and railway construction contracts or to act in disputes arising from the construction or rehabilitation of roads and railways. Our lawyers are internationally recognized as experts in this sector. Our client base includes governments, engineers and contractors with claims in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. We have conducted arbitrations across Europe, including in London, Paris, Zurich, Bucharest and Warsaw and represented clients before numerous Dispute Boards.

The types of work that our lawyers have undertaken include:

- Advising and representing clients before Dispute Boards relating to the construction of railway projects in Europe and Asia;
- Representing clients before Dispute Boards relating to the construction of platforms and stations in Eastern Europe;
- Representing clients before Dispute Boards relating to the construction of railway signalling works in Europe;
- Acting in arbitrations and before Dispute Boards in respect of road rehabilitation and motorway construction projects in Europe and Africa;
- Acting for employers and contractors in relation to bridge construction projects in Europe and Asia; and
- Advisory work relating to the construction of motorways in Ireland.



“International Arbitration
is a real strength”

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Energy

Corbett & Co has experience in dealing with all types of energy related projects. Our expertise in this sector covers Africa, Asia, and Europe. Clients include governments, operators and contractors. We have worked on hydroelectric projects, power stations, dams, wind farms and waste to energy plants. We have assisted in drafting particular conditions of contract for projects as well as representing clients before FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Boards, in arbitrations and in litigation. Many of these projects had bespoke contracts while others were under amended FIDIC forms, including the FIDIC Silver Book, or MF1.

The types of work that our lawyers have undertaken include: defects in the design and construction of a coal-fired power station in Serbia; arbitration and litigation relating to defects in air separation units and gas dryers; a dispute on the rehabilitation and upgrading of the Soviet era Maritza III power station in Bulgaria; a dispute arising out of the refurbishment of the 400 MW gas-fired combined-cycle power station in Ireland; several hydroelectric power project disputes; and several wind farm disputes.

Dredging

Corbett & Co's lawyers have experience in dredging works across Europe, India, Asia and Australia. Edward Corbett is one of the leading experts in this field having assisted in the drafting of the FIDIC Blue Book. Corbett & Co has worked on a variety of projects from land reclamation and beach nourishment to maintenance and capital dredging works. We have experience of all types of dredging equipment.

We have assisted clients at the procurement stages and drafted and reviewed specific conditions of contract under FIDIC's Blue Book, Yellow Book and Orange Book. We have represented clients before Dispute Boards and in arbitration and prepared claims for submission to an engineer.

The types of work that our lawyers have undertaken include: advising on the construction contract for reclamation of land for a housing project; advising on disputes in relation to a shipping channel and bank protection works; DAB and ICC arbitration proceedings dealing with geotechnical issues and the discovery of ordnance in Europe; and High Court litigation in relation to the non-performance of a submersible dredger.



“It is almost impossible to separate the fortunes of this firm from those of its founder and leading figure Edward Corbett. His extraordinary practice encompasses some significant disputes for many of the world's leading contractors and engineers”

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Buildings, Factories and Airports

Corbett & Co has a vast amount of experience representing clients with respect to defects in the construction of buildings and preparing or defending complex delay and disruption claims. Our lawyers have worked all over the world, although much of our experience was obtained acting in disputes in England and Wales. Our lawyers have worked with the FIDIC forms as well as the JCT and NEC forms of contract. We have worked on many small claims from as little as £50,000 to multi-million-pound disputes relating to airports.

The types of work that our lawyers have undertaken include:

- Advising on guarantees, warranties and contract amendments for all types of projects worldwide;
- Acting for clients worldwide in relation to the development and renovation of housing, commercial buildings and office blocks and final account disputes;
- Acting in an arbitration relating to M&E defects in a television studio;
- Acting in relation to defects in the construction of a children's nursery made of rammed earth;
- Representing clients in Egypt in arbitration proceedings in relation to a shopping centre and commercial and residential developments; and
- Representing clients in Europe, Asia and Africa in relation to claims regarding the construction of hotels.



“Corbett & Co is a highly regarded construction boutique. It advises on a wide range of construction matters”

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