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"Anthony is knowledgeable and experienced in the field of international disputes with the ability to master and distil complex issues, aided by a solid legal and engineering background." The Legal 500 (2021)

Anthony specialises in heavy construction and engineering disputes arising from building and engineering projects in the UK and worldwide acting for employers, contractors and consultants relating to breach of contract, delay and disruption, time extensions, prolongation, payment provisions, acceleration, loss of productivity, final accounts and professional negligence actions against inter alia architects, engineers and surveyors.

He has extensive experience in litigation, arbitration, adjudication, expert determination and mediation and is conversant with all major standard forms of construction and engineering contracts in relation to projects including energy, power, natural resources, mining, retail, leisure, offices, hospitals, water treatment plants, roads, railways, power stations, petrochemical, chemical engineering plants, waste-to-energy plants, anaerobic digestion plants, biomass plants, port and harbour construction, mechanical and electrical services, bridges, irrigation, and house building developments.

Anthony acts as both counsel and tribunal as chartered arbitrator, accredited adjudicator, mediator, and expert determiner both in the UK and worldwide. He is registered on numerous approved arbitration, adjudication, and mediation panels, including the FIDIC President's International List, CIArb, IChemE, SHIAC, HKIAC, IDRC, LCIA and TECBAR.

Anthony sits as sole tribunal, co-arbitrator, or chairman, and as standing or ad hoc DB (Dispute Board). Anthony is regularly involved with serial adjudications, enforcing adjudicator's decisions and challenging adjudicators' jurisdiction in the TCC. Anthony is frequently involved with expert determination claims and mediations.

He frequently leads teams of professionals and experts on disputes in litigation, arbitration, adjudication and expert determination.

Anthony's combined qualifications as a lawyer, tribunal and quantity surveyor are an advantage.

Anthony was awarded CIArbs' Cedric Barclay Prize for best International Arbitrator Award Writer of 2005.

Areas of expertise

Construction

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Energy and Natural Resources

Construction

Areas covered

- Adjudication
- Cladding and other building defects
- Construction professionals' liability
- Construction, engineering and infrastructure disputes
- Delay and disruption
- Energy
- Insurance
- International arbitration
- Property damage
- Ship building and offshore

Anthony regularly acts as both counsel and tribunal in heavy construction, engineering and infrastructure related disputes both in the UK and worldwide, acting for employers, contractors, and consultants, including architects, engineers, and surveyors. As a dual qualified professional, Anthony's combined skills as a lawyer, tribunal and quantity surveyor are an advantage.

Anthony has extensive experience in litigation, arbitration, adjudication, mediation, and expert determination. He is experienced in analysing final accounts, complex programmes, critical path analysis for delay and disruption claims and is capable of digesting complicated drawings and specifications regarding preferred engineering disputes. Anthony is conversant with all major standard forms of contracts. He frequently leads teams of professionals and experts on disputes relating to roads/motorways, rail, hospitals, water treatment, power stations, anaerobic digestion plants, biomass and gasification plants, petrochemical plants, port and harbour engineering, mechanical engineering, processing plants, bridges, irrigation, land reclamation, hotels, apartment blocks and residential properties.

Anthony is regularly involved with serial adjudications and enforcing adjudicators' decisions, and contesting adjudicators' jurisdiction in the TCC. He is also frequently involved with expert determination claims and mediations.

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Cases of note

- Lumley v Foster & Co Group Ltd & Ors [2022] EWHC 54 (TCC)
- Universal Sealants (UK) Ltd (t/a USL Bridgecare) v Sanders Plant And Waste Management Ltd [2019] EWHC 2360 (TCC)
- Lead Technical Services Ltd v CMS Medical Ltd [2007] EWCA Civ 316
- Counsel, advising on a nuclear power station Hinkley Point
- Counsel and advocate, adjudicator's jurisdiction (TCC)
- Counsel and advocate, serial adjudication on facilities management contracts

- Counsel and advocate, formation of contract (TCC)
- Counsel and advocate, landfill and reclamation dispute (TCC)
- Sole adjudicator, wind farm dispute (Scotland)
- Counsel and advocate, construction defects to buildings
- Counsel and advocate, ICC arbitration in Montenegro concerning a five star hotel resort developer and architects
- Counsel and advocate, arbitration Forth Bridge concerning delay and disruption claim
- Counsel, TCC, local authority and national contractor regarding defective cladding, fire risk
- Advocate, relating to a professional negligence claim against architects/project managers
- Counsel and advocate, adjudication spontaneous combustion in coal seam
- Co-arbitrator, apartment block Palm Jumeirah, Dubai
- Chairman, Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Board (DAAB) infrastructure project Iraq
- Sole DB, Expo-Dubai 2020
- Chairman, DAAB preliminary issue on internal jurisdiction (London)
- Sole arbitrator, express highway upgrade project (Uganda)
- Chairman, DAAB concerning East Africa's tallest tower block
- Counsel and advocate, party wall dispute (TCC) concerning damage to a raft foundation.
- Counsel, civil engineering fibre optic installation dispute
- Counsel, appeal to Court of Appeal in a TCC matter
- Expert determiner, regarding housing development between leading house builders
- Counsel and advocate, arbitration in relation to a sports centre
- Counsel and advocate, adjudication enforcement (TCC) concerning the landscaping of a motorway scheme
- Counsel and advocate, flood damage claim in the TCC
- Counsel, concrete slab defects to industrial building

Recommendations

"Experienced in cases involving construction disputes." The Legal 500 (2018)

"He is very knowledgeable and thorough in his approach." "He is excellent; very clever and knows the system. A first port of call." Chambers and Partners (2017)

"Recommended for engineering and construction matters." The Legal 500 (2016)

"He speaks the client's language and really rolls his sleeves up to get a deep understanding of the case." "Very strong in arbitration and adjudications." Chambers and Partners

"Unflappable and relaxed, both in hearings and in conference with clients" The Legal 500

"He has excellent commercial insight, thanks in part to his pre-legal career in construction."

"Provides expert and detailed advice in construction, planning, and environmental law." The Legal 500

Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (ICArb)
- International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC)

- Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE)
- London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA)
- International Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC)
- Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC)
- Technology and Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
- Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR)
- Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE)
- Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
- Indian Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC)

Qualifications

Education

- Barrister at Law
- BSc(Hons) Quantity Surveyor
- Chartered Arbitrator: FCIArb Dip ICArb
- Accredited Adjudicator: (CIArb, FIDIC, IChemE, TECBAR)
- Mediator: (CEDR, CIArb, TeCSA, TECBAR)

Scholarships and Prizes

Cedric Barclay Prize for best International Arbitrator Award Writer of 2005

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