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John Doyle Construction Limited (in liquidation) v. Erith Contractors Limited [2020] EWHC 2451: Enforcing adjudication claims brought by insolvent companies post-Bresco

Thank you for attending this online workshop. We were delighted that so many of our colleagues attended. In response to a number of requests we have put together this short information sheet setting out the material we referred to during the session. The <u>recording of the webinar</u> can be found on our website.

The discussion was underpinned by these decisions.

- John Doyle Construction Limited (in liquidation) v Erith Contractors Limited [2020] EWHC 2451.
- Michael J Lonsdale (Electrical) Ltd v Bresco Electrical Services Ltd (in liquidation) [2020]
  UKSC 25, in the Court of Appeal at [2019] EWCA Civ 27 and before Mr Justice Fraser at 2018] EWHC 2043 (TCC).

- Meadowside Buildings Development Ltd (in liquidation) v 12-18 Hill Street Management Co Ltd [2019] EWHC 2651 (TCC).
- Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd v Astec Projects Limited (In Liquidation) [2020] 796 (TCC).

In addition we flagged up the following material:

- As to the basis for mutual dealings and insolvency set-off in liquidation, r.14.25 of the Insolvency Rules 2016, and the corresponding rule in administration where the administrator intends to make a distribution, r.14.24 IR 2016.
- As to the difficulty of making the insolvency and adjudication regimes compatible: Bouygues (UK) Ltd v Dahl Jensen (UK) Ltd [2000] EWCA Civ 507, [2001] 1 All ER (Comm) 1041.
- As to an assessment as to whether any ATE policy offered was sufficient: *Premier Motorauctions v Price Waterhouse Coopers* [2017] EWCA Civ 1872, and *Geophysical Service Centre Co v Dowell Schlumberger (ME) Inc* [2013] EWHC 147 (TCC); 147 Con LR 240.
- As to whether an agreement is regulated by the Damages-Based Agreements Regulations 2013/609: *UK Trucks Claim Ltd v. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.* [2019] CAT 26.

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