

# Catastrophic failures in construction projects – why they happen and who is to blame

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### Presented by:

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#### Venue:

81 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1DD

## Timings:

6pm - 7pm

This seminar will provide two perspectives of catastrophic failures in construction projects, focussing on the technical causes and relevant legal principles.

The learning outcome of this seminar will be a better understanding of the technical factors which cause or contribute to catastrophic failures of construction projects and the legal principles relevant to design responsibility with respect to such collapses.

Refreshments will be provided after the seminar

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Adam Robb specialises in the litigation and arbitration of large construction, engineering and infrastructure disputes, often involving professional negligence and insurance issues. He has experience of disputes arising out of the major UK and international forms of contract and a wide range of projects. He has particular expertise in relation to disputes arising out of PFI and similar projects, including payment mechanism, funding and construction disputes.

He is an experienced advocate and has appeared before a wide range of courts and tribunals, including the Court of Appeal and the High Court (including the Commercial Court and the TCC), numerous domestic and international arbitral tribunals, as well as in adjudications. He regularly advises and represents clients in alternative dispute resolution processes, including mediation.



**Dr Sean Brady** is the Managing Director of Brady Heywood, a forensic engineering firm that specialises in identifying the cause of structural engineering failures.

He is a board member of the Society of Construction Law Australia and a member of the Singapore International Mediation Centre's panel of experts. He is a practising Chartered Professional Engineer, a member of the Editorial Board of the ASCE Journal of Performance of Constructed Facilities and the ICE Forensic Engineering Journal. He has published internationally on forensics for both engineering and legal audiences, has a special interest in organisational failure and crisis management, and is a visiting lecturer at Queensland University of Technology's Business School and the University of Melbourne's Law School.