

Paul Blakeway FCIArb

Paul specialises in resolving complex cross-border disputes, particularly in the construction and engineering sector. Having spent more than half of his career in the Middle East, he has considerable experience representing parties in arbitration and litigation, as well as advising on dispute avoidance strategies and alternative dispute resolution. Paul has acted for clients in disputes across the Middle East, Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.

In arbitration, Paul has experience in advising under a variety of institutional rules, including the DIAC, ICC, LCIA, and SCCA. In litigation, Paul is a registered practitioner with the DIFC Courts and also acts for clients in the High Courts of England & Wales. He is an experienced advocate, and also regularly speaks on construction and dispute-related issues within the community.

Notable matters include:

- Advising a leading Spanish-based consultant in respect of claims relating to the suspension of an airport project in Saudi Arabia.
- Acting on multiple arbitrations relating to the construction of road projects in Ethiopia, including disputes relating to delay, disruption and force majeure.
- Acting for a leading specialist refinery and petrochemical subcontractors in one of the leading precedents in the Courts of England & Wales relating to anti-suit injunctions (SRS Middle East FZE v Chemie Tech DMCC (Rev 1) [2020] EWHC 2904 (Comm)).
- Acting for a specialist façade contractor in defending DIFC Court proceedings relating to the construction of a landmark museum project in Dubai.
- Advising a specialist roofing subcontractor on the delay and disruption incurred in the construction of an airport project in Oman.
- Advising on dispute escalation and avoidance strategies on behalf of a specialist interior fit-out subcontractor for delayed main contract works for two landmark mixed use residential/hotel projects on Palm Jumeirah, Dubai.



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Key areas of expertise:

- Construction and Engineering
- Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Disputes