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*Incredibly bright and very much to the point. He marries legal know-how with technical excellence.*

- Chambers & Partners

**Tim Chelmick specialises in commercial disputes with a particular emphasis on international arbitration, construction, professional liability and costs.**

With a strong scientific background, Tim is regularly involved in cases with a scientific or technical element involving complex expert evidence.

Many of his disputes relate to projects in the Middle East as Tim spent 2 years living and working in Dubai. He is one of only two leading juniors recommended for both commercial and construction disputes in Legal 500's UAE guide. Legal Directories characterise his work as including "*shareholder, insurance, and asset-tracing matters*" for commercial and "*heavy infrastructure disputes*" for construction.

Tim is also recommended in the UK legal directories for construction, costs and professional liability. He has been described by clients as "*An incredibly commercial barrister, who is able to cut through all extraneous information and drill down to the facts of the case*" who has "*an uncanny ability to adapt quickly to all kinds of instructions*"; "*an extremely bright mind*" and "*excellent advocacy skills*" with "*the potential to rise to the top of the profession*".

Prior to joining chambers, Tim read chemistry at Magdalen College, Oxford obtaining a first class degree. After leaving Oxford, Tim worked for 2 years as a software developer in the technology department of Goldman Sachs in the London, New York and Hong Kong offices.

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## Areas of Expertise

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### Commercial litigation

**"Tim is very client-friendly, commercial in approach, great to work with in terms of responsiveness and getting to grips with the case and the issues involved; he is a great asset to the team."** – *Legal 500, 2022 (Middle East: Commercial)*

**"A wonderfully practical approach that boils down complex litigation to the essentials and makes it easier for solicitors and clients alike."** – *Legal 500, 2022*



Tim has acted in a wide range of commercial disputes including those arising from concession agreements for infrastructure projects, project finance and a variety of contractual claims. Tim has particular experience of claims where there are competing proceedings in different jurisdictions and those involving issues of conflict of laws.

Additionally, having worked as a software developer prior to coming to the Bar, Tim has experience in every stage of software development from concept design to testing and implementation and hence Tim is often instructed in claims that relate to computer contracts and information technology professionals.

## Cases

- **SP v MT**  
Application to set aside an arbitration award (for in excess of US\$ 500 million) on the grounds of serious procedural irregularity regarding disclosure.
- **Maldives Airport Arbitration**  
Acting for the GMR-MAHB Consortium in a number of UNCITRAL arbitrations against the Maldives Government relating to the performance and termination a concession agreement relating to the main international airport in the Maldives (with Bankim Thanki QC and Justin Fenwick QC). The sum claimed for wrongful termination exceeded USD 1.4 billion. The claim has also involved two sets of proceedings before the High Court of Singapore for an anti-suit injunction and an injunction preventing termination of the Concession Agreement (*Maldives Airports Co Ltd and Anor v GMR Male International Airport Pte Ltd* [2013] SGCA 16).
- **Confidential ICC arbitration**  
Acting for a JV partner in a dispute involving a site fabrication yard in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- **Confidential LCIA arbitration**  
Acting for a high profile GCC individual in an LCIA arbitration relating to an investment in a telecommunications company. The claim is for in excess of US\$ 500M. The claim also involved related proceedings in the GCC and an application for anti-suit relief to the Tribunal.
- **Confidential LCIA arbitration**  
Acting for the owners of a Bahraini construction company in an LCIA arbitration relating to a dispute involving a private equity investment in the company by an international investment fund. The claim involved allegations of breaches of warranty and allegations of fraud.
- **Claim relating to a failed tax scheme**  
Acting for a firm of valuers who provided a valuation of a technology business for the purposes of a tax scheme (with Jamie Smith QC).
- **Shareholder dispute**  
Representing an individual seeking a declaration in High Court Proceedings that he is the beneficial owner of shares that were the subject of a fraudulent transfer.
- **Claim against a company director**  
Acting for a company director accused of misconduct in the course of preparation of company accounts in a claim worth in excess of £20 million (with Graeme McPherson QC).

## Qualifications & Memberships

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MChem (Oxon) Dip. Law (City)

TECBAR – accredited adjudicator



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## Insights

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### **Zuberi v Lexlaw Limited: Damages Based Agreements in England and Wales – a new dawn?**

19 January 2021

George McDonald and Tim Chelmick discuss the radical Court of Appeal decision in *Zuberi v Lexlaw Limited* which has made damages-based agreements in England and Wales far more attractive to solicitors and heralds a new era for contingency arrangements.

### **The Construction of Contracts**

8 May 2018

Lecture by Sir Rupert Jackson and Tim Chelmick at the 4 New Square Construction Law Conference on 1st May 2018

### **Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability**

30 January 2017

Editor of the 7th and 8th Editions

### **Global Arbitration Review's Guide to Construction Arbitration**

1 September 2017

Contributor