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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.

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Insurance

Tim also regularly advises insurers on coverage issues and additionally on the meaning of policy wording. Tim has particular experience dealing with issues in respect of professional indemnity policies and cases which raise issues where a conflict of interest has arisen between insurers and policyholders.

Tim has also been instructed in a number of cases where the insurance broker is accused of negligence.



Tim also regularly deals with subrogated recovery actions by insurers against construction professionals.

Cases

- **Arbitration in Dubai**
Acting for an insurer in an arbitration (in Dubai) regarding an insurance claim following a fire at commercial premises (policy governed by UAE law).
- **RR Securities Ltd & Ors v Towergate Underwriting Group**
Acting as sole counsel for the successful Claimant in a trial in the Mercantile Court in a claim involving allegations of failure to advise on minimum security standards.
- **Claim against insurance broker**
Acting for a producer of industrial chemicals in a claim against its insurance broker following a fire in the course of the construction of a new chemical plant.
- **Claim against insurance broker**
Acting for the claimant in a claim against their insurance brokers involving allegations of failure to advise about material terms in the policy.
- **Claim against insurance broker**
Acting for a commercial laundry in a claim against its broker involving allegations of under-insurance.
- **Claim against insurance broker**
Acting for the claimant in a multi-million pound claim against an insurance broker resulting from the avoidance of a buildings insurance policy following a fire by underwriters.
- **Repudiation of cover**
Acting for the claimant in a claim for against insurers for wrongfully repudiating cover following a fire in the course of the construction of a chemical factory.

Qualifications & Memberships

MChem (Oxon) Dip. Law (City)

TECBAR – accredited adjudicator

Society for Construction Law

COMBAR

PNBA

Insights

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

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