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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

Information Technology

Tim worked as a software developer for Goldman Sachs prior to coming to the Bar and hence has significant first-hand experience of the full life cycle of IT projects. He has been instructed in a number of disputes relating to IT contracts involving both issues of defective software and late delivery of projects. His cases often involve complex technical expert evidence.

Tim was recently involved in a number of disputes relating to a contracts with a number of governments in the Middle East for



substantial infrastructure projects in the region. The cases involved allegations of defects with the software and late delivery of project requirements along with claims of wrongful termination of the contracts. The cases also raised issues relating to national security.

Tim has also recently been instructed by a local authority to advise in respect of the proper construction of an outsourcing contract.

Tim edited of the Information Technology chapter of the 7th edition of Jackson & Powell on Professional Liability.

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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