

# Edward Corbett

## Profile Summary



Edward is acknowledged as one of the world's most experienced international construction lawyers with an unsurpassed reputation as a FIDIC expert. Edward is the managing director of Corbett & Co., a practice specialising in international construction law.

After studying at Oxford University, he qualified as a barrister and practised for a short while before joining Masons in the City of London as a specialist construction lawyer. Since joining Masons in 1984, he has worked exclusively in construction law. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1988.

His experience includes contract drafting and procurement strategy as well as Dispute Boards, ICC arbitration, litigation and ADR. He has worked for contractors as well as for employers, funders and consultants.

He regularly advises some of the world's major employers and contractors and his current caseload involves projects in Europe, Africa, the Caribbean and the Middle East.

He has an MSc in Construction law and arbitration from King's College and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He has experience as an arbitrator and adjudicator on both UK and international disputes and is an accredited mediator. He is on FIDIC's lists of mediators and adjudicators and is trained as a TeCSA adjudicator.

Edward is the author of *FIDIC 4<sup>th</sup>- A Practical Legal Guide* and many articles and papers dealing with aspects of international construction contracts. He is on the Editorial Board of *Construction Law International*.

He has lectured extensively on construction law and in particular on FIDIC's standard forms of contract.

Edward was co-chair of the International Bar Association's international construction projects committee. He was a member of the Working Groups of FIDIC responsible for drafting the 1999 Short Form of Contract, the Dredging and Reclamation Contract and the Red Book Subcontract. Corbett & Co is an affiliate member of FIDIC.

Nationality: British

Languages: English

**Expertise**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Country</b>
<b>Arbitrator</b>	Sole arbitrator in dispute over termination of subcontractor by main contractor. American Arbitration Association (ICDR) rules	Afghanistan
	Co-arbitrator in dispute over termination of Finnish contractor from project in Russia. Swedish Chamber rules.	Russia
	Co-arbitrator in dispute between contractor and subcontractor under LCIA Rules relating to work in refinery.	Trinidad and Tobago
	Co-arbitrator in dispute under ICC Rules between contractor and subcontractor in relation to a water supply project.	Bangladesh
<b>Adjudicator</b>	Member of Dispute Adjudication Board relating to shopping mall project dispute.	Russia
	Member of Dispute Adjudication Board relating to motorway project dispute.	Slovakia
	Various appointments as adjudicator in relation to disputes between employers, contractors and subcontractors.	UK
	Sole adjudicator for resolution of dispute involving waste water treatment plant.	Ukraine
<b>Roads</b>	Acting for a Government and international fund in a Stockholm Chamber of Commerce international arbitration against a Middle East contractor with dispute value €20 million. (FIDIC 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Georgia
	Acting for a Greek/ Swiss joint venture against a Public Authority in ICC arbitration concerning claims for acceleration, delay & disruption in relation to a motorway project. (FIDIC 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Kuwait
	Acting for an Indian contractor against a Public Authority in ICC arbitration following termination of a World Bank infrastructure project. (FIDIC 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Malawi
	Acting for a Portuguese contractor against a Public Authority in ICC arbitration. Claim value €50 million. (FIDIC 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Poland
	Acting for the employer in a FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Board referral	Romania



	<p>in respect of a road rehabilitation project. Claim value €13 million.</p> <p>Acting for a national road company in 4 related Dispute Adjudication Board procedures relating to by-pass construction. Claim value €18.9 million.</p> <p>Acting for the employer in a FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Board referral in respect of a road rehabilitation project. Claim value €13 million plus interest of €2 million.</p> <p>Acting for a Ministry in a FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Board referral.</p> <p>Acting for the employer in 3 related ICC arbitrations in relation to the construction of a by-pass with claim value €16 million.</p> <p>Acting for the employer in 3 related ICC arbitrations under FIDIC Red Book 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Values of claims €2.8, €2.5 and €3 million.</p> <p>Acting for the employer in an ICC arbitration in relation to consultancy services for a national road project.</p>	
	<p>Acting for a Chinese contractor against a Public Authority in ICC arbitration following termination of the contractor. (FIDIC 4<sup>th</sup>)</p>	Tanzania
	<p>Acting for the Government in relation to a road project in respect of claims relating to termination, quality, delay and disruption.</p>	Uganda
<b>Railways</b>	<p>Acting for an Italian contractor in relation to a railway renovation and realignment project involving disputes over delay, disruption and many technical issues. Settlement negotiated.</p>	Bulgaria
	<p>Acting for a contractor in respect of delays and disruptions to railway renovation projects, including several adjudications.</p>	Romania
	<p>Acting for Japanese consultants advising on various issues arising in connection with a metropolitan railway project.</p>	Vietnam
<b>Energy and Dams</b>	<p>Acting for a subcontractor in an international arbitration claim relating to delay and disruption of a Refinery project.</p> <p>Acting in an international arbitration for a main erection contractor on a refinery project.</p>	Abu Dhabi
	<p>Advising on the drafting and negotiation of a FIDIC Yellow Book contract for diesel power station.</p>	Gibraltar
	<p>Advising on dispute resolution and acting in Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings relating to a hydro electric dam construction project.</p>	Iceland
	<p>Advising on contract terms for a combined cycle project.</p> <p>Advising a consultant on a hydro electric power project on tunnel design issues and insurance claim.</p>	Indonesia



	Advising the employer on the contract for a hydro project with particular reference to interface issues and dispute resolution regarding tunnelling.	Laos
	Advising the contractors on contract terms and dispute resolution in relation to wind farm projects in the UK, the Netherlands and Norway.	Norway, the Netherlands and UK
	Acting for an employer in the defence of a claim for an extension of time and prolongation costs from the redevelopment of a coal-fired power station in Serbia. The contract was a FIDIC Silver Book and the Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings were held in Vienna.	Serbia
	Acting for the employer in relation to delay and disruption and price adjustment issues, including several Dispute Adjudication Board processes.	Sudan
	Acting for the owner of a power station and process plant in an international arbitration relating to turbine failure.	Uganda
<b>Dredging</b>	Acting for a Public Authority against a Danish contractor in an ICC arbitration in respect of a delay and termination of the contractor.	Albania
	Acting for the main contractor in an arbitration relating to a drilling and blasting operation in a harbour deepening project.	Australia
	Acting for the contractor in an international arbitration on a container terminal dredging and reclamation project.	Malaysia
<b>Buildings</b>	Acting for the main contractor in an international arbitration relating to a Cairo city centre project.	Egypt
	Acting in an international arbitration for the Government in relation to claims for defects in a large housing development.	Gibraltar
	Acting for a contractor in a dispute with the European Union in relation to the construction of court buildings.	Kosovo
	Advising JV in relation to delays and claims following construction of hospital unit.	Malta
	Acting in an international arbitration in respect of claims relating to a luxury apartments development.	Romania
	Acting as arbitrator in respect of claims relating to a shopping development.	Russia
	Advising and representing an employer in Dispute Adjudication Board proceedings and settlement negotiations in respect of a Sudanese hotel project.	Sudan



	Acting in an international arbitration for the main contractor in a hotel development in respect of claims for delay, disruption and defects.	Ukraine
<b>Airports</b>	Acting for the earthworks subcontractor against a Kuwaiti contractor in an ICC arbitration relating to claims for delay and disruption.	Ethiopia
	Advising the employer on the procurement and drafting of an amended JCT contract for the construction of a new airport terminal. Advising on disputes arising.	Gibraltar
	Advising a multi-lateral development bank in relation to an airport extension and renovation project and the termination of the contractor's contract. Acting for civil aviation authority in subsequent DAB proceedings.	Nepal
<b>Bonds &amp; Guarantees</b>	Involved on behalf of Employer in relation to call on performance bond following termination of contract	Romania/Italy
	Involved on behalf of Contractor in relation to defending call on performance bond.	Ukraine/Italy
	Involved in calling bond on behalf of Employer; and in negotiating a regime of performance and other guarantees for resumed work by Contractor	Gibraltar
	Numerous DABs and arbitrations, whether acting as counsel to Employers or Contractors or as adjudicator or arbitrator, where the wrongful call of a performance security, APG or retention bond was alleged. Most involved URDG 458 or 758.	Various
<b>Other</b>	Representing a contractor in relation to three waste treatment projects before a Dispute Adjudication Board.	Bulgaria
	Acting for a contractor in a dispute in respect of claims arising in relation to a desalination project.	Qatar
	Acting for a consultant in a successful mediation concerning a port project.	Trinidad & Tobago
	Acting for a contractor in its dispute with the European Union relating to the construction of a sewer network.	Cyprus



**Career:**

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
1980	London	Bar	Barrister	Called to the Bar of England and Wales – Inner Temple.
1981	Sydney, Australia	Allen, Allen & Hemsley	Assistant Lawyer	Assistant in major law firm undertaking dispute resolution work, litigation and arbitration.
1982- 1984	London	Barristers Chambers	Barrister	Pupillage at the bar (litigation work)
1984-1987	London	Masons	Assistant Solicitor	Construction law department, specialising in dispute resolution, litigation and arbitration in the construction sector, UK and international projects.
1988	Auckland, New Zealand	Simpson, Grierson Butler White	Assistant Solicitor	Construction law department, specialising in dispute resolution, litigation and arbitration in the construction sector, NZ and international projects.
1988-1993	London	Masons	Partner	Construction law department, specialising in dispute resolution, litigation and arbitration in the construction sector, UK and international projects.
1993 to date	London	Corbett & Co	Owner	Specialist in international construction dispute resolution, litigation and arbitration with particular emphasis on the FIDIC contracts.

**Education:**

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Oxford University (1976-1979)	BA/MA in Jurisprudence
King's College London (1990-1992)	MSc in Construction Law and Arbitration

**Other relevant information:**

Books/ Publications/Articles	Details
FIDIC 4 <sup>th</sup> A Practical Guide (Sweet & Maxwell 1991)	Author
Construction Law International	Founder; Editorial Board

**Membership of professional bodies:**

Solicitor of England and Wales  
 Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)  
 Member, International Bar Association (IBA)  
 Member, Society of Construction Lawyers (SCL)  
 Affiliate Member of FIDIC.