

Matthew Needham-Laing

Partner

Construction & Engineering



Matthew qualified and practiced as an architect before qualifying as a solicitor in 1994 and gaining an MSc in construction law in 1997. He joined Edwin Coe in June 2021 as part of the Construction & Engineering team.

Matthew has more than 20 years of experience in construction and engineering as both a litigator and a transactional lawyer and provides his clients with advice spanning both contentious and non-contentious matters relating to construction, engineering and infrastructure projects.

As a litigator, he is experienced in adjudication, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution and has acted as an adjudicator in numerous construction and engineering disputes. On the non-contentious side, he drafts and negotiates all forms of construction and engineering contracts and advises on bonds and guarantees related to those contracts. Matthew also has considerable experience of advising on engineering contracts for oil and gas companies and pharmaceutical infrastructure projects.

Originally trained and practiced as an architect in the 1980's, Matthew's experience extends across the real estate sector. He worked as an architect on hotel, office and retail projects and this background lends unique insight into the problems associated with construction projects.

He is well known in the real estate sector and in the 2016 edition of Chambers UK, Matthew's clients note that he is "*well respected in the industry.*"

Matthew lectures on matters relating to construction law and adjudication, and has published articles on construction in the pharmaceutical industry and cyber security in the construction industry in a number of construction industry magazines.

Expertise

- [Construction & Engineering: Overview](#)
- [Property: Overview](#)
- Construction dispute resolution and strategic advice
- Adjudication, litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution
- Specialises in construction, engineering, technology and energy law
- Residential and commercial property development
- Bespoke contract drafting
- Hotel & Hospitality

Credentials

- Member of The Law Society
- MSc in construction law in 1997
- Member of Technology and Construction Solicitors Association
- Member of Society of Construction Law
- Member of Society for Computers and Law
- Member of Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- Contributor to the Architects Legal Handbook

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