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INTRODUCTION

Jonathan's vast knowledge of Australian and global construction industries has seen him work with everyone from local developers and builders to engineers, architects and multi-national corporations.

The substantial challenges facing the construction industry has led to exceptionally expensive disputes, with high stakes. This requires effective and prudent advice early in the negotiation phase - to set up acceptable terms that help avoid trouble down the track.

Jonathan has applied his vast experience in construction through different forms of contracts and significant construction-based litigation matters. He acts for many of the larger contractors in the industry, sharing with them more than three decades of experience and knowledge.

Committed to fair process, flexibility and rational thinking, Jonathan is a valuable resource and a powerful advocate for clients in the building and construction sector.

EXPERTISE

- Construction contracts - drafting and negotiation;
- legislation advice;
- Tendering, probity, project briefs and contractual;
- arrangement advice;
- Risk review of contract documentation for bid purposes;
- Drafting and negotiating joint-venture agreements and alliance contracts;
- Contract management, compliance, risk management and performance advice;
- Detailed building and construction contracts and subcontracts terms advice;
- Drafting and contractual notice review;
- Related Professional services contracts and disputes;
- QBCC Licencing, compliance and statutory insurance issues and litigation;
- Subcontractor charge notices & proceedings;
- BCIPA notices, adjudications, submissions and responses;
- QCAT reviews, appeals and applications;
- PPSA issues on construction sites;
- Insolvency/administration and liquidation issues in construction; and
- Labour & employment contracts and WH&S policies for construction industry.

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Building and construction is a very real and practical application of the law. The conflicts and clashes can be challenging, but bring great satisfaction and rewards.

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EXPERIENCE

Recent transactions of note include:

- ongoing Supreme Court litigation at Port Hinchinbrook in North Queensland;
- substantial arbitration for South Tweed Shopping Centres;
- pipeline arbitration in Tasmania;
- BCIPA Adjudications;
- subcontractors charges litigations;
- refinery case being heard in the London International Court of Arbitration; and
- civil contract review for GPT Metroplex.

QUALIFICATIONS

Practising law since 1989

Bachelor of Laws, University of Otago, New Zealand

MEMBERSHIPS

Queensland Law Society

