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Frédéric is a partner in the Construction Advisory and Disputes Group of Pinsent Masons in Paris. He has dual academic qualifications in English and French law and has extensive experience of the FIDIC forms of contract and their use in civil law jurisdictions, including in France.

He advises on all aspects of construction projects, including as counsel in dispute board and arbitration proceedings, and also provides legal support on live construction projects in a wide range of construction sectors, including general infrastructure, transport, water and wastewater, and energy.

Frédéric is an active member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) and is currently acting as chair of the DRBF Region 2 Membership Committee.

He has published widely on the subject of DAB and FIDIC contracts and is also a regular speaker at FIDIC and DRBF conferences (e.g. the ICC/FIDIC annual conference in Paris in June 2013, the Centenary FIDIC Conference in Barcelona in September 2013, the DRBF Annual Conference in Singapore in May 2014). In 2015, he organised a series of FIDIC seminars at Pinsent Masons' offices in Paris.

Frédéric is also a visiting professor on the MBE (Master in Business Engineering) course in international construction law at the University of Stuttgart, on the Diplôme Universitaire course in Contract Management at the University of Paris II-Assas and on the Diplôme Universitaire course in International Construction Contract Law again at Paris II-Assas.

### Academic Qualifications

- Master's Degree in Construction Law and Arbitration, King's College London
- Maîtrise en Droit, Panthéon-Sorbonne University – Paris I
- LLB in English & French Law, King's College London
- Graduate from Sciences Po Paris

### Professional Qualifications

- Admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales (2002)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) and Chairman of the Membership Committee for Region 2
- Admitted on the French list of FIDIC adjudicators (2016)

## Professional Experience

- Pinsent Masons LLP, Paris – 2013 to date  
Partner – Construction Advisory & Disputes
- Fenwick Elliott LLP, London – 2010-2012  
Partner – Construction Arbitration
- Shadbolt & Co LLP, London – 2005 – 2009  
Senior Associate – Construction Arbitration
- Jones Day, London – 2000 – 2004  
Associate – International Arbitration

## Recent Projects

Much of his recent work has involved acting for major contractors and employers in respect of large infrastructure and energy projects in France, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, including:

- **LNG terminal project, France** – Acting for a major French utility company in connection with claims brought by three consortia of EPC Contractors on a €1bn LNG terminal project in France.
- **Biomass power plant, France** – Advising the Employer of a biomass cogeneration plant in France in relation to claims from the EPC Contractor for extensions of time and associated costs, taking-over issues and payment of varied works (FIDIC Silver Book).
- **DABs and ICC Arbitration, motorway project, Romania** – Representing an Italian contractor in relation to DAB proceedings and subsequent ICC arbitration proceedings regarding the termination of its contract on a motorway project in Romania (FIDIC Red Book). Amount in dispute: €30 million. Seat of the arbitration: Bucharest.
- **DABs and ICC Arbitration, motorway project, Eastern Europe** – Advising a major European contractor against a State entity in relation to DAB and arbitration proceedings regarding claims for extension of time and associated costs (claim in excess of €70 million) on a motorway bypass in Eastern Europe (FIDIC Yellow Book).
- **ICC Arbitration, bridge project, Serbia** – Acting for contractors in an ICC arbitration in relation to claims for extension of time and associated costs (claims in excess of €60 million) on a bridge project in Serbia (FIDIC Yellow Book). Seat of the arbitration: Paris.
- **ICC Arbitration, road project, Central Asia** – Acting for a Spanish contractor in an ICC arbitration following the termination of a contract for the construction of a road in Central Asia (FIDIC Pink Book). Seat of the arbitration: Paris.
- **ICC Arbitration, mixed-use development project, Central Asia** - Representing one of the top 5 European contractors in ICC arbitrations in relation to a €1.5bn mixed used development project (FIDIC Yellow Book) in Central Asia wrongfully terminated by the employer (claims in excess of €150 million). Seat of the arbitration: London.

## Recent publications

- *"The Court of Appeal decision in Persero II: Are we now clear about the steps to enforce a non-final DAB decision under FIDIC?"*, International Construction Law Review, January 2016

- *"Persero II: "Pay Now, Argue Later" in the Context of DAB decisions – what approach best advances the purpose of the FIDIC's Security of payment regime?"* International Construction Law Review, January 2015
- *"Use and misuse of FIDIC Forms of Contract in Central and Eastern Europe: the worrying trend of Silver Book provisions in public works contracts"*, EIC Newsletter, May 2012
- *"Enforcement of DAB decisions under the 1999 FIDIC Conditions of Contract - A recent development: CRW Joint Operation v. PT Perusahaan Gas Negara (Persero) TBK SGCA 33 [2011]"*, International Construction Law Review, October 2011

## Languages

English

French