

Construction and Engineering Legal Services





HFI Construction and Engineering Team

With offices in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Qatar, and a powerful network of international alliances, HFI can offer your business a specialist team of international lawyers expert in the international construction and engineering industry. We serve clients in both the public and private sector, property owners, developers, architects, project managers, contractors and sub-contractors, engineering consultants, service providers, facilities management teams and funders.



Headed up by Heather Williams, an experienced construction, engineering and projects lawyer, the HFI Construction &

Engineering Team supports clients in all aspects of contentious and non-contentious legal work, advising industry professionals at every level. We have experience in all the key sectors in which the industry operates such as education, healthcare, defence, transport, sports and general commercial and community infrastructure.



Non-Contentious Experience

Your business will benefit from our team's wealth of experience on a wide variety of construction, engineering and infrastructure projects such as:

- Procurement advice
- Drafting Tender documentation
- Advising on all aspects of insurance including project insurance, professional indemnity, contractors' all risk and latent defects
- Drafting and advising on contracts and frameworks including Design Build Finance and Operate (DBFO's) and all similar forms of procurement routes including Build Operate and Transfer (BOT), Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT), Design Construct Manage and Finance (DCMF) and Partnering Arrangements
- Amendments to standard form contracts including FIDIC, NEC and JCT ensuring that these are tailored for the particular purpose they are intended to fulfil
- Drafting and advising on:
 - Construction Contracts
 - Design and Construct Agreements
 - Sub-contracts
 - Engineering Contracts
 - Consultants Appointments
 - Facilities Management Agreements
 - Funding Agreements



Contentious Work With Discretion

You may at some point call on us to confidentially provide dispute management services. Our goal is to protect our construction and engineering client's interests and to minimise the impact of disputes on their business. We recognise that the amicable resolution of disputes is an integral part of corporate risk management and will aim to find the best and most cost effective solution for our clients. We have a breadth of experience in managing both litigation on a large scale and achieving a satisfactory outcome in smaller interim disputes.



Our array of services includes providing advice and guidance on:

- Court Proceedings
- Domestic and international arbitration
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Services including adjudication, mediation and conciliation

With our international array of solicitors and advocates as well as our network of worldwide alliances, we can offer an exceptionally experienced and cross cultural team to provide advice and advocacy services for your dispute across a wide range of jurisdictions.



About HFI

Our People

HFI was established in Dubai in 2003 by Hugh Fraser, former General Counsel of John Wood Group plc in Scotland. Our origins are in the North Sea oil & gas industry and our client base is spread over 20 countries, especially the global energy technology centres in Western Europe, USA, Canada and Australia.

Our core team of employed consultants is based in the UAE and Qatar. We have a legal alliance network in key Middle East and Asia Pacific territories and several specialist consultants in key international locations



including Calgary, Houston, Aberdeen, Stavanger, Delhi, Singapore and Perth WA.

Our team comprises over 15 nationalities speaking 15 languages.

Our goal is to be a world class professional services firm dedicated to the success of our clients and to be a major driving force in the internationalisation of advanced technologies and know-how to key developing markets in the Middle East & North Africa, Asia Pacific and Russian Federation & Caspian region.



Our Services

HFI provides a full range of international corporate/commercial legal, deal-making and business consultancy services:

- International Corporate & Commercial Legal Services:

Corporate

- Joint Ventures
- Group Reconstructions & International Business Structures
- Investments
- Bank Financing
- Public Offers of Shares & Other Securities
- Legal Due Diligence
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Commercial

- Oil & Gas, Power & Water Law & Contracts
 - Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure Projects
 - Dispute Resolution & Conciliation
 - International Trade Regulation
 - Employment Law
 - Intellectual Property
 - Agency & Distribution Contracts
 - Commercial Property
- Middle East Regional Business Registration and Licensing Legal Services
 - Compliance Legal Services
 - Real Estate Legal Services
 - Business Consultancy Services
 - Corporate and Company Secretarial Services
 - Interim Employment and Visa Solutions Services
 - Government Liaison (PRO) Services



HFI is Different – come and talk to us

We believe what makes our company different from the rest and provides a competitive edge for our clients can be summarised as follows:

- International presence & connections
- Focus on sector specialisation: energy, water and the environment, construction and engineering
- Regional specialisation: Middle East & North Africa, Asia Pacific, Russian Federation/Caspian region
- Integration of commercial, legal, financial and technical skills and knowledge



- People: international spread, experience and track record
- Business cultures and values: proactive, pioneering, results-orientated, integrity, speed
- Remuneration: economic value added
- Independence

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your international business”

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