

CHRISTOPHER J P MIERS

BA (Hons), DipArch, MSc (Constr.Law), RIBA, FCIArb, MAE
Founder and Managing Director



- Christopher is a Chartered Architect and Chartered Arbitrator, Mediator, Adjudicator and Dispute Board Member for construction disputes.
- Regarded as a leading expert architect in the Construction and Dispute Resolution industry.
- Accumulated experience of over 30 years in construction and over 20 years as an Expert, Arbitrator, Mediator, Adjudicator, and Dispute Board Member in the UK and Internationally.

Specialist Expertise

Regularly instructed in the UK and internationally as an expert witness and arbitrator, adjudicator or mediator in a very wide range of construction disputes.

- Appointed as expert in over 200 cases in arbitration, litigation, mediation and adjudication, internationally and in the UK in disputes up to US\$200 million.
- His project experience as an architect and in construction dispute resolution extends across Barbados, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, France, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Nepal, New Zealand, Oman, Portugal, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine and United Kingdom.
- Experienced as an ICC Tribunal expert and Single Joint Expert.
- Instructed in over 100 construction cases as Arbitrator or Adjudicator.
- Regularly instructed as Mediator in construction disputes.
- He has given evidence in the Technology and Construction Court in London and in international ICC and domestic arbitrations.
- Experienced across a wide range of complex disputes, covering such matters as alleged defects in materials and workmanship, claims for extensions of time, adequacy of design, specification, certification, inspection and practical completion.
- Instructed on contracts cases involving FIDIC, JCT and other standard and bespoke forms of contract.
- His experience extends across a range of multi-disciplinary projects in healthcare, commercial, leisure, education, retail, residential and industrial sectors.

Panel Appointments & Listings

- FIDIC President's List of international adjudicators.
- Arbitrator listed with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), LCIA, and Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA).

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- Adjudicator listed with CI Arb, RIBA, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), the Contractors Legal Group and FIDIC
 - CEDR accredited Mediator, listed also with Resolex and RIBA
 - RIBA representative to the Construction Industry Council Appeals Tribunal, and an RIBA representative on the Joint Contracts Tribunal
 - Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) Region 2 Board Member and Chair of International Training
 - Regular trainer of professionals in contracts and dispute resolution
 - Past Chairman of the Society of Construction Law, UK
 - Assessor for the Civic Trust Awards in the UK for 10 years
 - Court Assistant to the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
 - Honorary Secretary and Treasurer to the Society of Construction Arbitrators
 - Charles-Jones Park & Miers, founder partner (1985-93) leading projects in the health, education, leisure, commercial and residential sectors
 - Peterson Consulting (London office), executive consultant (1993-96)
 - Symonds Group, director (1996-98) a multi-disciplinary international consultancy of 1200 engineers, surveyors and architects

Publications

- Protocol for Determining Extensions of time and Compensation for Delay and Disruption, publ. SCL. Contributor
- Architect's Legal Handbook, publ. Architectural Press. Contributor 8th & 9th editions (guide to Mediation)
- Hospital Design Guide (main entrances), publ. HMSO & NHS Estates. Author
- Hospital Design Guide (day nurseries), publ. HMSO & NHS Estates. Author
- Kirtipur, Nepal , publ. Araxus Books. Contributor (Newari House)
- Presented numerous seminars and training workshops on construction dispute resolution issues, including FIDIC contracts, Dispute Boards, Adjudication and Expert evidence, in Abu Dhabi, Brazil, Dubai, Kosovo, Romania, Turkey, UK
- “The Use of Adjudication DRBs”, article, DRBF Forum magazine
- “Changing legal landscape”, article, CES Construction Law Review
- “Investigation of defects”, article, Construction Law Journal
- “El uso de la adjudicación en el Reino Unido”, Arbitraje y resolución de controversias, Tec Iberia
- “Benefit from a Dispute Resolution Board on your Project” article for Perspective
- “DABs and DRBs: a comparison and commentary”. DRBF Forum magazine