

ADJUDICATION



DEDICATED SPECIALIST TEAM

- Strategic planning
- Advice and assistance on referrals and responses
- Pre-adjudication preparation
- Complete end-to-end service
- Rapid response
- Extensive experience in all types of construction disputes
- Trusted network of technical experts
- Appeals and enforcement



Sharpe Pritchard is unique in offering a dedicated unit specialising exclusively in the adjudication of construction disputes.

The team is led by head of construction Justin Mendelle. Recognised by Legal 500 as a leader in the field, Justin has a decade of experience in successfully advising on construction projects. The team is strongly resourced at all levels to ensure comprehensive support at every stage of the adjudication process, especially during the heat of battle. Our team is also able to draw on a trusted network of technical advisors to provide expert input when required.

We are experienced in dealing with adjudication under all the major standard form contracts including JCT, NEC and GC/Works. Our team is also very familiar with the procedures for adjudication under the Scheme for Construction Contracts, the standard form contracts and the key independent bodies, including TeCSA, TECBAR and CEDR.

We are equally comfortable acting for referring or responding parties and fully understand the different pressures involved in each.

If you are referring a dispute to adjudication, we will support you with:

- dispute resolution strategy;
- preparation for adjudication;
- preparation of referral notices;
- liaison with experts; and
- preparation of responses.

If you have to respond to a request for adjudication, our support will include:

- rapid response advice;
- preparation of response notice; and
- advice on procedure.

Depending on the outcome, we also advise on:

- appealing a decision; and
- enforcement.

The timescales in adjudication are extremely tight – effectively 28 days from start to finish. This means that the pressures are intense and it is crucial to have calm, experienced and knowledgeable advisors on board.

Our approach, while underpinned by a deep legal knowledge, is pragmatic and commercial.

Disputes are a fact of life in the construction industry. The Sharpe Pritchard adjudication service will help you navigate your way to a successful outcome.

OUR EXPERIENCE

We have been advising on adjudication since its inception in 1998.

In the last 12 months alone, we have advised on a number of adjudications, including:

- successfully defending a client from a time at large claim;
- securing full repayment of wrongfully claimed monies for a referring party;
- successfully defending an employer in an adjudication in relation to an extension of time and related loss and expense claim. The referring party was claiming over 100 days extension of time and was only awarded six days. The loss and expense were calculated accordingly;
- successfully bringing an adjudication in relation to the mistaken overpayment of invoices; and
- securing a very favourable outcome in relation to a time at large claim, resulting in no further time being granted to the referring party.

Our success rate exceeds 90 per cent and we are confident that we can provide you with helpful, succinct and practical advice.

Training

Sharpe Pritchard's construction practice provides regular workshops, briefings and seminars on all aspects of adjudication. Whether you are the referring or responding party, we can offer you bespoke training tailored to your individual requirements. We offer introductory courses, host breakfast briefings to discuss recent cases and best practice, and lecture at seminars at both intermediate and advanced level. Our experience as one of the UK's leading construction practices means that our lawyers are extremely well placed to guide you through all stages of the adjudication process.

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What clients say

'Our trusted source, we would not go anywhere else.'

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