



Evening Webinar

Security of Payment in Hong Kong - Learning from the UK Adjudication experience

25 November 2021

Followed with the Asian and Australian experience sharing in mid-September, The Hong Kong Institute of Construction Adjudicators and The Lighthouse Club Young Members Group invite you to an evening webinar exploring security of payment regimes in the United Kingdom.

In the UK every party to a construction contract (save for certain identified exceptions) has a statutory right to give notice of its intention to commence an adjudication "at any time", regardless of the size or nature of the dispute. Once the dispute has been referred to adjudication the adjudicator has just 28 days in which to reach a decision that is temporarily binding upon the parties.

Statutory adjudication was introduced in the UK with effect from May 1998. In the period since, the Technology and Construction Court (the specialist part of the English High Court concerned with construction disputes) has developed a number of legal principles governing the enforcement and validity of adjudication decisions and related topics via a mass of reported decisions.

The webinar will identify the purpose of adjudication and its relationship with payment obligations. It will consider the principal jurisdictional challenges and how to avoid them as adjudicator. In addition, the webinar will consider serial adjudications (i.e. a series of adjudications arising out of the same project and the specific difficulties that such adjudications give rise to) and practical problems of adjudication. It is a lesson learnt to HK adjudicators ready for the SOPL to be enacted. Our speakers are:-



Justin Mort QC is a leading counsel specializing in construction disputes. He is recognized as one of the leading authorities on adjudication in the UK and has appeared in numerous reported decisions that have developed this area of the law.

Mr. Mort has been involved in adjudication enforcement since the outset and has appeared in numerous leading cases on this topic.



John McMillan specialises in commercial arbitration and litigation, with a focus on the construction, engineering, energy, and technology sectors.

Mr. McMillan acts in construction and engineering disputes domestically and internationally. Recent work has included acting in numerous domestic adjudications, including a series of adjudications relating to the redevelopment of an English railway station.

Venue: By Zoom (Details to be provided following registration)

Date / Time: 25 November 2021; 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Cost: Free for members of HKICAdj or LHC-YMG; HK\$200 for non-members

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