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### **Claire Grainger**



Claire is a dual qualified lawyer having first obtained a degree in Civil Engineering and Construction Management at the University of Leeds England and worked in the construction industry before qualifying as a Solicitor in England and Wales.

Claire brings to the firm a unique knowledge of Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Projects having first studied and worked as a civil engineer coupled with, following her qualification as a Solicitor, hands-on experience in structuring, documenting and negotiating landmark deals in Europe and the MENA regions with a business-savvy, client friendly and responsive approach. She is the preferred choice of lawyer by many national and international clients due to her in-depth, hands on experience, meaning that clients do not waste valuable time and energy having to educate her first about the intricacies of the project.

Since 1999 Claire has been advising on the legal and regulatory aspects of construction, engineering and infrastructure projects. Claire is experienced in advising both public and private sector clients on procurement options, contract forms, security



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and other ancillary documentation, as well as dispute management/resolution throughout and after the contract period. She has extensive experience in advising on and providing practical commercial solutions for major utility concessions, major regeneration projects (comprising commercial, residential, retail, community and infrastructure resources) hotel and leisure developments, PPP and PFI projects.

Claire has served as a lead lawyer in some of the landmark and innovative projects in the region and has in her time in the MENA region developed a very loyal client following from some of the biggest companies in the world.

Claire is highly sought after by clients wishing to work in Construction/Infrastructure Projects as she is considered by her clients to bring a high level of knowledge of the risks inherent in a project and practical on the ground experience of the issues that can arise during construction and operation of a plant. In particular over the past 4 years Claire has been engaged by a number of semi-government organizations and consortia to review the existing regulatory framework in the UAE, Bahrain, Egypt, Libya and Iraq (currently in very confidential discussions) in respect of proposed utility projects to advise on how these can be further strengthened in respect of Government owned projects and amended to cater for privatized projects entered into based on PFI/PPP procurement solutions.