

The background of the entire page is a high-angle, night-time photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with numerous skyscrapers and lights. Overlaid on this is a complex network of white lines connecting various points, resembling a digital or data network. A large, white, irregular polygonal frame is superimposed on the upper half of the image, containing the main title and subtitle.

Construction Disputes A to Z Initiative

One-stop Dispute Avoidance
and Resolution

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Prevention is always better than cure, but in our changing world construction and engineering disputes are not going away. Our sector experts help clients avoid disputes or minimise their impact by giving technical and legal advice based on 135 years of experience.

Conflict avoidance and dispute resolution are a core service offering of this strategic alliance between Gleeds and Freeths. We offer one-stop technical and legal advice to clients involved in some of the world's largest and most complex projects.

The global construction engineering industry is facing numerous challenges including the on-going effects of the pandemic, skills shortages, price increases, political instability and the effects of climate change.

Meanwhile the value of construction engineering disputes continues to rise year on year. Gleeds and Freeths have worked to create a seamless offering where our advisory teams work in close collaboration to support our clients all around the world.

With over 135 years of experience in the built environment, we have the track record and expertise to provide advice and support through the most challenging projects to help avoid or resolve claims and disputes.

We offer objective technical and legal advice on quantum, delay, scheduling and project management issues. We give our clients strategic advice to avoid disputes but we are equipped to advise clients where formal proceedings are commenced.

We appreciate that no clients want disputes so our joined-up and pragmatic approach is designed to bring about satisfactory early outcomes.

Our priority is our client's built environment success.

Our Services



STRATEGIC ADVICE
& RISK ANALYSIS



CONTRACT
HEALTH CHECK



EXPERT
WITNESS



ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE RESOLUTION



DELAY
ANALYSIS



QUANTUM
ANALYSIS



LITIGATION &
ARBITRATION



DISPUTE
AVOIDANCE



“COVID-19 will lead to a huge increase in time-related claims, in the coming months and early action in assessing their value will determine their success. Prompt examination of delays, including analyses of associated costs and apportionment of risk will significantly help safe-guard our clients’ interests.”

AMADA MIRAVETE HERNANDEZ
DELAY & DISPUTES ANALYST, GLEEDS ADVISORY

Meet our local experts



Chris Soffe

Global Supervisory Board Director, Gleeds, USA

Past President of the CIOB, a Fellow of the RICS, a Member of the CIARB and a national panellist of the American Arbitration Association. I have accumulated 50 years of diversified project management and dispute resolution experience across the Americas, Europe, and Africa. I am a strong advocate of conciliatory and collaborative dispute solutions and settlement.



Alex Johnson

Partner, Freeths LLP, UK

A partner specialising in engineering and construction law. I have 15 years' experience in major engineering and construction projects around the world, particularly in the UK, Europe and Middle East. I specialise in dispute management including international arbitration, contract advisory work and assisting clients to avoid disputes during the project.



John Refaat

Director, Gleeds, Egypt

A Chartered Quantity Surveyor, a Member of the CIARB and a Board Member on Egypt RICS Advisory Board. I have 20 years of international experience in the field of project & commercial management and called upon frequently to support the resolution and avoidance of disputes on high profile projects. I work closely with large developers and first-tier contractors at a senior level.



Kamlesh Roochan

Director, Gleeds, Qatar

I have has 20 years' experience in the construction industry in the Aviation, Residential, Hotel and Commercial sectors covering all aspects of quantity surveying from pre-tender to post-contract. During this time my main expertise has been in Cost and Commercial Management with an interest in Construction Law and Arbitration.