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OVERVIEW

Charles Lockwood is a partner in the energy, infrastructure and resources practice group in the London office. He assists clients with onshore and offshore energy projects globally, including those involving engineering and construction (EPC), drilling, oilfield services including subsea/subsurface operations, floating production, offshore wind and heavylift transportation and installation.

Charles has a wealth of experience of negotiating contracts, advising on risk management, providing project support and dispute avoidance advice and resolving disputes via informal negotiations, mediations and formal processes. He is an experienced English Court litigator and has arbitrated disputes under many of the internationally recognised Rules (ICC, LCIA, ICDR, UNCITRAL and LMAA). Many of the matters Charles assists with are technically complex and most have significant international dimensions, which often necessitate working closely with local lawyers and industry experts.

“An excellent team player with an extremely robust handle on the manifold complexities of the energy sector... one to watch.” *Chambers & Partners*

“A rising star who is described by clients as extremely bright and practical and always clear in his advice.” *Chamber & Partners*

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Charles trained at the London office of an international law firm, qualifying in 1999 and becoming a partner in 2007.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* edition as a Recommended lawyer for Oil and gas in London, 2024
- *Acritas 2017 Star Lawyer*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Carve outs to Indemnity Schemes - Are you better with them or without them” - IADC Contracts and Risk Management Conference 2020
- “Liquidated Damages and Consequential Loss - English Law/Texas Law” (co-presenter) 2019
- “Attorney-Client Privilege - English Law/Texas Law” (co-presenter) 2018
- “Wilful Misconduct - When do those Carve-outs Really Apply in English Law?” - IADC Contracts and Risk Management Conference 2018
- “Convenience and Discretion – Issues around Termination for Convenience and Good Faith” 2016
- “Enforceable liquidated damages or unenforceable penalty” (co-presenter) 2016
- “Resolving Disputes. Managing Costs” 2015
- “Arbitration Agreements and Avoiding Disputes about Disputes” 2014
- “Framework Agreements, Standard Terms and Contract Problems” 2014
- “Back to Back Contracting – Mind the Gap(s)” 2013
- “Arbitration – Making the Right Choices” 2012
- “Are the actions of all employees attributable to a company?” 2012
- “EPC Contracts” 2012
- “Contract Interpretation” 2011
- “Risk and Liability in Offshore Contracts” (co-presenter) 2010

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor to Dispute Resolution in the Energy Sector: A Practitioner's Handbook – King (Globe Law and Business 2012)

EDUCATION

- LL.B., Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1995
- Legal Practice Course, The College of Law, York

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 25 April 2022, Offshore Wind Handbook
- November 2020, Offshore Energy Webinar Series: Damages and the Impact of COVID-19
- October 2020, Offshore Energy Webinar Series: "My Contract Has Been Terminated - Now What?"
- September 2020, Offshore Energy Webinar Series: Preserving Your Contract - Best Practice in Contract Management in the Current Climate
- 27 March 2020, 'Fitness for Purpose' and Conflicting Obligations in Offshore Wind Projects
- 06 November 2018, Comparative Law Seminar

NEWS & EVENTS

- 8 October 2020, Hydrogen Online Conference
- 3 January 2018, K&L Gates Hires Three-Partner Energy Disputes Team in London

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Maritime
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction and Infrastructure Dispute Resolution
- International Arbitration
- Maritime Disputes
- Offshore Construction
- Offshore Wind Energy
- Oil and Gas
- Power
- Renewables

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Energy Disputes

- Power Generation and Transmission

EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising a leading oilfield services company in relation to disputes under an EPC contract for the provision of meteorological masts as part of an offshore wind farm project
- Multiple retainers advising on contracts for the use of offshore and heavylift vessels
- Providing extensive advice 'on the ground' to a pipeline contractor undertaking a project in Nigeria
- Providing advice and assistance in relation to militant attacks on a jack-up drilling rig, an FPSO and supply vessels offshore Nigeria
- Drafting and advising on the terms of a Master Services Agreement to be implemented between a major multi-services contractor and specialist sub-contractor
- Multiple retainers advising on EPC, equipment/services supply, drilling and related contracts
- Multiple retainers advising on contractual suspension and/or termination issues
- Acting as co-counsel on a dispute before the Malaysian courts arising out of a sequence of heavylift transportation contracts
- Conducting an ICC arbitration seeking recovery of monies owed under complex contractual arrangements
- Conducting an LCIA arbitration on behalf of a pipeline contractor regarding, inter alia, time and cost overruns encountered on a major project in West Africa
- Acting for an FPSO owner in a dispute with the field operator, conducted pursuant to the Arbitration Act 1996
- Conducting Commercial Court proceedings claiming under a Letter of Award and Parent Company Guarantee relating to the use of a semi-submersible drilling rig.
- Conducting ICDR arbitration proceedings arising out of a Share Purchase Agreement
- Representing a leading oilfield services contractor in its defence of Commercial Court proceedings concerning allegedly defective performance of electric submersible pumps used for artificial lifting
- Pursuing LMAA arbitration proceedings concerning unpaid hire and HSE issues for a jack-up drilling rig employed offshore Cameroon
- Providing advice on contractual arrangements relating to the installation and testing of WTG foundations for an offshore wind farm project in Taiwan
- Acting as project counsel to the main contractor under an EPCI contract for an offshore wind farm