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OVERVIEW

Theo Hall is a senior associate in the firm's London office. He is a member of the Energy, Infrastructure, and Resources and International Arbitration practice groups. Theo specializes in international arbitration in the energy and construction industries. He has particular experience in oil and gas and offshore construction. He also has experience in construction, maritime, and insurance disputes. Theo has a good understanding of public international law and particularly international investment disputes. He has worked on arbitrations under ICC, LCIA, DIAC and LMAA rules, as well as ad hoc under the English Arbitration Act 1996.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Theo served as an associate at an international law firm specializing in energy and maritime law. He acted on behalf of rig-owners, shipowners, charterers, and insurers on a wide range of matters. Before qualifying as a solicitor, Theo also worked for a number of years in a large international Lloyd's insurance broker, where he specialized in the placing of complex marine and offshore insurance risks and associated political risks. Whilst working in the Lloyd's insurance market, Theo obtained his ACII qualification (the Advanced Diploma in Insurance).

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* edition as a Recommended Lawyer for International arbitration in London, 2024
- ACII (Advanced Diploma in Insurance)

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Law, Kaplan Law School
- Legal Practice Course, Kaplan Law School
- B.A., University of York

- LL.M., University College London

ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to Practice in United Kingdom

LANGUAGES

- French
- Italian

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- September 2020, Offshore Energy Webinar Series: "I am Concerned About Termination" - Issues Around Termination of Contracts
- September 2020, Offshore Energy Webinar Series: Preserving Your Contract - Best Practice in Contract Management in the Current Climate

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Construction and Infrastructure Dispute Resolution
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- International Arbitration
- Investor-State Arbitration
- Maritime
- Maritime Disputes
- Offshore Construction
- Offshore Wind Energy

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Energy Disputes

EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for a European gas company in an arbitration against a Russian state-owned energy corporation relating to the “ruble-ization” of a gas sales contract (ICC arbitration).
- Acting for a drilling contractor in relation to termination of two contracts for construction of eco semi-submersible rigs due to delay and technical non-compliances (ad hoc arbitration under the English Arbitration Act).
- Acting for a drilling contractor in relation to the rescission of a shipbuilding contract for a deepwater drillship due to late delivery (ad hoc arbitration under the English Arbitration Act).
- Acting for an offshore services company in relation to the rescission of a shipbuilding contract due to lack of progress in relation to the construction of a pipelaying vessel (LCIA arbitration).
- Acting for a drilling contractor in a dispute involving the termination of a drilling contract (LCIA arbitration).
- Acting for a major offshore services subcontractor in relation to claims arising out of construction of an oil platform (ICC arbitration).
- Acting for a subcontractor in relation to claims arising out of the construction of Terminal 3 at Dubai International Airport (DIAC arbitration).
- Assisting in forum non conveniens application arising out of a collision in UAE waters; establishment of limitation fund in UAE.
- Advising on claim in rem and application for judicial sale on behalf of mortgagee against owner in default.
- Acting for owners in relation to a claim brought by charterers for contamination of cargo (LMAA arbitration).
- Acting for owners in pursuing a claim under General Average bonds and guarantees against cargo interests.
- Acting for owners in an LOF salvage case involving settlement with salvors and defence of unseaworthiness claim from cargo interests.
- Advising underwriters for a multinational clothing company in relation to a Constructive Total Loss and coverage issues under ITC Hulls 1.10.83 and division of liability with P&I Club arising therefrom.
- Advising a Chinese bank on shipowners’ liability arising out of the 1992 Civil Liability Convention.
- Advising two separate LNG operators in relation to (i) a contract for a newbuilding and (ii) a contract for a ship conversion.
- Advising a large cruise operator on a contract for provision of several large cruise ships for use as floating hotels at a major sporting event.

- Advising a major international shipping and energy conglomerate in relation to insurance coverage and claims arising out of an oil spill in the Bahamas.
- Advising a major yacht owner in relation to insurance coverage issues and contractual claims arising from a shipyard fire resulting in the loss of two yachts and one super-yacht.