



## Theo Hall

### Associate

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## OVERVIEW

Theo Hall is an associate at the firm's London office. He is a member of the energy, infrastructure and resources practice group and is also a member of the International Arbitration Group. His focus is primarily on disputes in the upstream oil and gas (in particular drilling and shipbuilding contracts), maritime, construction and insurance sectors. He has experience of litigating in the English High Court and has been involved in a number of arbitrations, both ad hoc under the English Arbitration Act 1996 and under institutional rules, including ICC, LCIA, DIAC and LMAA.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Theo served as an associate at an international law firm specializing in maritime law. He was a member of the admiralty and casualty response team where he acted on behalf of shipowners, charterers and insurers on a wide range of shipping matters. He also gained considerable experience of offshore construction disputes.

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

- ACII (Advanced Diploma in Insurance)

## EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Law, Kaplan Law School, 2015
- Legal Practice Course, Kaplan Law School, 2014
- B.A., University of York, 2008

## 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 (*Webinar*)
- September 2020, Offshore Energy Webinar Series: Preserving Your Contract - Best Practice in Contract Management in the Current Climate (*Webinar*)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

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

## INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Energy Disputes

## EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for a drilling contractor in an ad hoc arbitration under the English Arbitration Act in relation to the rescission of a shipbuilding contract for a deepwater drillship due to late delivery.
- Acting for an offshore services company in an LCIA arbitration in relation to the rescission of a shipbuilding contract due to lack of progress in relation to the construction of a pipelaying vessel.
- Acting for a drilling contractor in an LCIA arbitration in a dispute involving the termination of a drilling contract.
- Owners of *Al Khattiya v. Owners of Jag Laadki* [2018] [EWHC 389] (Admlty) – forum non conveniens application arising out of a collision in UAE waters; establishment of limitation fund in UAE.
- *Qatar National Bank v. Owners of M/Y Force India* [2018] – arrest, claim in rem and application for judicial sale on behalf of mortgagee against owner in default.
- Acting for Owners in an LMAA arbitration in relation to a claim brought by charterers for contamination of cargo.
- 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 H&M underwriters 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.
- Acting for a major offshore services subcontractor in an ICC arbitration in relation to claims arising out of construction of an oil platform.
- Acting for a subcontractor in a DIAC arbitration relation to claims arising out of the construction of Terminal 3 at Dubai International Airport.
- 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.