

construction & engineering – education

Our team’s non-contentious experience includes:

Continuing to advise schools which are undergoing the conversion progress on the construction aspects and impact of the [conversion to academy status](#).

Continuing to advise [schools in relation to construction matters and contractual arrangements](#) relating to construction works, including advising schools which are carrying out works themselves or for whom works are being carried out.

Continuing to advise schools in connection with [PFI and BSF projects](#) and schools which are affected by the Priority School Building Programme.

Advising one of the first free schools in the country on the procurement of a £6m Design and Build contract procured through the Contractor’s Framework. Working in conjunction with the Education Funding Agency, the project manager and the contractor we negotiated and drafted the building contract and associated collateral warranty from the project manager.

Acting for a London university in connection with the preparation of suites of documents for their works programmes, including JCT and NEC3 forms and bespoke appointments and framework agreements. We also provided advice generally in relation to contract issues and arrangements for various works, including significant refurbishment of M&E infrastructure.

Our team’s contentious experience includes:

Acting for a university to bring a successful arbitration against a main contractor for negligence and breach of contract in the design and construction of student accommodation in Birmingham. In addition to recovering the sums claimed, the arbitrator awarded our client its costs on an indemnity basis.

Acting for an educational establishment based in London to defend a £650,000 claim from the liquidators of a main contractor.

Advising an academy on the action to take against a contractor who had released asbestos in a school building during the replacement of windows. Our advice included the procurement of an expert to report on the contractor’s works together with advice on the insurance arrangements.

Advising an academy on potential claims for the recovery of remedial costs arising out of roof defects on a school building which had been procured by the local authority.

talk to us...

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