

RIBA Contract Series

An essential guide to dispute resolution

Course summary

From a practical perspective, this seminar will look at alternative approaches to resolving disputes within the construction industry.

This will include looking at negotiation, neutral evaluation, mediation, expert determination, dispute resolution boards and adjudication.

Most if not all building contracts and consultant appointments make provision for the resolution of disputes between the parties. The ultimate tribunal for the resolution of disputes are the courts and the alternative to those is probably arbitration. However, in the commercial world alternatives are often adopted by the parties in the first instance in an attempt to seek a quick and more cost effective approach e.g. mediation and expert determination. In fact the courts openly promote and encourage parties to use procedures such as mediation. Some of the alternative procedures are included within the standard forms of contract e.g. those published by the JCT and the RIBA. Additionally, within the construction industry there is adjudication which by statute is mandatory for most parties though not all. However, other strategies or procedures exist which the parties may well deploy.

From a practical perspective, this seminar will look at alternative approaches (i.e. alternatives to the courts and arbitration) to resolving disputes in the construction industry.

This will include looking at negotiation, neutral evaluation, mediation, expert determination, dispute resolution boards and adjudication.

Ultimately most parties want a speedy and cost effective resolution to a dispute to allow them to move on and concentrate on their business. Unfortunately this is not always possible.

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Core Curriculum topics

1. Procurement and contracts
2. Compliance



Contracts: an essential guide to dispute resolution

Course fee

RIBA/CIAT members £62+VAT
Non-members £89+VAT

Dates, locations and booking information

Numbers are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first book and pay basis. Please book your place using the Eventbrite links below.

All seminars will be run from 2pm to 4.30pm

Date	Location	Contact details and Eventbrite links
25 October	Preston RIBA North West	T: 0151 707 4380 cpdnw@riba.org https://hd-cs-preston.eventbrite.co.uk
14 November	Manchester RIBA North West	T: 0151 707 4380 cpdnw@riba.org https://hd-cs-manchester.eventbrite.co.uk
12 December	London RIBA London	T: 0207 307 3606 cpdlondon@riba.org https://hd-cs-london.eventbrite.co.uk

For alternative booking methods please contact the relevant region, using above contact details.

From a practical perspective, this seminar will provide you with guidance on alternative approaches to resolving disputes within the construction industry.

For more information on this or other RIBA CPD courses contact RIBA CPD Manager by email, or call 0207 307 3848.

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