



Jane Ryland

Professional Qualifications

BA (hons): University of Cambridge
Solicitor, England & Wales
Adjudicator

Reputation

Before joining Sheridan Gold Jane was head of construction at a leading regional heavy-weight law firm, where she was described in the Legal 500 as “headed by the commercially astute Jane Ryland, with an impressive industry sense”. She is listed as a leading individual and “praised for her excellent standard of practice in Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession.

Experience

Jane has been a specialist construction lawyer for over 20 years; she trained at Laytons in Bristol where she later became a partner in the construction team, before moving to the south-east where she was a partner at Cripps Harries Hall, heading up the construction team there for over 10 years. She has been a construction adjudicator since 1999. Jane has worked in a variety of sectors during her career including commercial property development (office, retail, shopping centres, hotel & leisure) both in the private and public sector, including advising central government departments (Home Office, HM Revenue & Customs, Crown Prosecution Service, UK Border Agency), police, local authorities and social housing providers. She has advised schools and universities, including a £22m new build for an Academy under the Building Schools for the Future scheme.

Jane has acted for numerous contractors and subcontractors particularly on M&E contracts and more recently on rail engineering projects under NEC 2 and NEC3. She also advises architects, landscape consultants and engineers on appointments, warranties and dispute avoidance. Jane is experienced in litigation, arbitration, adjudication and ADR and remains a proponent of flexible arbitration. She advises on insolvency related issues and termination of contracts. She sits as an adjudicator and has decided a number of construction disputes. Her non-contentious practice includes advising on contracts, appointments, warranties, building, engineering and facilities management, escrows, bonds and guarantees. She has advised on EU procurement issues. She is familiar with the standard industry forms of contract including the JCT suite, ICE, NEC and PPC 2000.

Publications, Expertise and Memberships

Jane has written numerous articles, including on Wembley Stadium; publications include Building magazine, Construction Law Journal, Architects Journal and the New Law Journal. She provides industry lectures, including to the RIBA. She recently contributed to the College of Law media programme (April 2012) on the “new” Construction Act where she discussed the changes to the adjudication provisions. She is a member of the Technology and Construction Solicitors Association (TeCSA), the Society of Construction Law, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Adjudication Society and the Chartered Institute of Building. She is also a member and a former branch chairman of the Association of Women in Property which celebrates its 25th anniversary during 2012.