



MANAGING THE RISKS OF JOINT VENTURES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Speakers:

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OVERVIEW

Join **LexisNexis Middle East**, in partnership with **DIFC Academy**, for a focused, expert-led session on managing and mitigating risks in construction joint ventures. This 2-hour CLPD-certified workshop is designed for legal and construction professionals operating in the UAE and GCC who advise on, structure, or manage joint venture arrangements.

Featuring experienced speakers from **Charles Russell Speechlys LLP**, the session delivers practical legal and commercial insights into joint venture governance, risk allocation, and dispute management, enabling participants to navigate complex construction projects with greater confidence and precision.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify key legal, commercial, and operational risks commonly arising in construction joint ventures
- Analyse joint venture structures and contractual frameworks to understand risk allocation and governance implications
- Evaluate practical risk mitigation strategies, including contractual protections and dispute resolution mechanisms
- Apply best-practice principles to effectively manage joint venture risks throughout the construction project lifecycle

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is ideal for legal practitioners advising on construction and infrastructure projects, in-house counsel in construction, engineering, and development companies, contract administrators and claims professionals involved in joint venture projects

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Date & Time: 31 March 2026 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (GST)

Format: Online (Zoom Webinar)

Accreditation: 2 CLPD Accredited Points

FEES & EARLY BIRD OFFER

Standard Fee: USD 250

Early Bird Rate: USD 220 (*Early Bird Ends on 20 March 2026*)

**Assessment Method: Participants will be assessed through polling questions for engagement and case studies or practical cases to measure learner comprehension and application of content.*

**System for Evaluating Course Quality: Course quality will be evaluated using an online survey distributed to each participant for feedback.*

SPEAKERS

Paula is Head of Construction Engineering & Projects for the Middle East Region. Based in Bahrain since 2006, she specialises in construction projects throughout the region, in particular Bahrain, Oman and Qatar. Her extensive experience includes real estate and development, regeneration, infrastructure and utilities, hotels, leisure and tourism, residential, industrial and commercial, education and healthcare, both in the private and public sectors.

Paula acts on behalf of government and regulatory clients including Ministry of Works, project employers and developers, lenders and investors, contractors, subcontractors and consultants. Projects Paula has worked on include Shangri-La Oman, Bahrain National Assembly, Durrat Al Bahrain, Doha Convention Center, Bahrain Bay to include Four Seasons Hotel, Riffa Views, Diyar Al Muharraq, Bahrain Airport, King Abdullah Medical City, Education City Doha, Lusail Doha, Investment Gateway Bahrain and Reef Island.

Paula also assisted the Bahrain Ministry of Works in the drafting and publication to market of its first-ever Standard Suite of Construction Contracts (2009 Edition) based on FIDIC forms. Paula is admitted to practise in England and Wales.



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Partner, Charles Russell
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Having been based in the Middle East for approximately seven years, Chris practices in a range of dispute resolution fora, including arbitration, court proceedings, mediation and expert determination.

Chris' experience is broad and varied, having acted for clients in matters ranging from mega construction projects (including procurement), oil and gas, financial disputes, intellectual property and data protection.

Chris has a particular focus on dispute avoidance and early dispute resolution. Chris is particularly adept at assisting clients with strategic formulation for the resolution of disputes.

Chris is admitted to practise in England and Wales.



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REGISTRATION & ENQUIRIES

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