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OVERVIEW

Samuel Gordon is an associate in the firm's International Arbitration practice group. His practice focusses primarily on energy disputes in the gas and LNG sector and construction and infrastructure disputes. He has experience representing clients in arbitrations under the institutional rules of the ICC, DIAC, and LCIA in London, Vienna, Dubai, and Singapore, as well as in expert determinations and adjudications.

In the energy sector, Sam's experience includes advising on disputes arising from the termination of long-term supply agreements, force majeure issues, contractual price reviews, and the general interpretation of commercial contracts. He has a particular interest in the intersection of legal and commercial issues affecting the international energy industry, including evolving LNG market dynamics and their implications for long-term supply relationships.

In the construction sector, Sam's experience includes advising on disputes arising under long-term Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contracts, construction and engineering delay disputes, and disputes arising from defects in design. He also advises on non-contentious construction and infrastructure matters, including assisting in the drafting and negotiation of contracts based on the NEC and FIDIC standard forms, as well as bespoke engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) and engineering, procurement, and construction management (EPCM) contracts.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Samuel attended University of Law at Moorgate Campus where he attained a Masters of Science in Law focusing on dispute resolution, real estate law, business law and practice, banking and debt finance, and mergers and acquisitions.

EDUCATION

- M.Sc., University of Law, Moorgate, 2021
- LL.B., University of Birmingham, 2020

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 6 April 2023, *Breakshore Ltd V. Red Key Concepts*
- 4 April 2023, Europe: Here's Your Chance to Improve the UK's Senior Managers and Certification Regime

AREAS OF FOCUS

- International Arbitration

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Oil and Gas

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acted for a European gas company against a Russian gas company in a Vienna-seated arbitration arising from the termination of a long-term gas supply agreement in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022.
- Advised an Asian LNG buyer on two Force Majeure notices issued by a portfolio seller, including on the possibility of "fake FM".
- Advised an Asian LNG buyer on the validity of a price review notice, the "comparator contracts" analysis and other aspects of the price review clause.
- Advised an Asian LNG buyer on a repeat price review, including issues of res judicata. Assisted the client in preparing negotiation strategy.
- Advising an LNG buyer on the ability to market free from contractual restriction certain surplus LNG stored in its FSU despite obligations to secure steady supply of LNG to its offtaker.
- Advising a public body in regards to the financial arrangements underpinning a 30-year PFI contract.
- Advising a public body in regards to the handback process under a 30-year PFI contract.
- Advising a public body during the negotiation and drafting of a suite of interconnected framework contracts for signalling works upgrades on multiple lines of an underground rail network.

- Advising a Korean shipyard regarding its first foray into the world of oil production, including assisting in the negotiation and drafting of a complex suite of contracts including a bareboat charterparty, a management agreement and an operation and maintenance agreement.
- Advising a global engineering company on its legal and commercial options under a suite of EPC contracts for work in Uzbekistan under which the engineering company was no longer being paid.
- Advising a global engineering company on its rights following receipt of notices of withholding payments and threatened termination from its employer on an EPCM contract for an upgrade of a petrochemicals plant.