

Sheena Sood

Partner

Sheena leads the construction, engineering and infrastructure team at Beale & Company. She has been instrumental in establishing the Firm's offices in Dublin and Dubai. She is a registered legal consultant in Dubai.

Sheena trained at Beale & Company and has over 20 years experience in advising UK, Irish and international clients in the construction, professional indemnity and health and safety fields.

She advances and defends claims for construction industry clients through various forums and has acted on some of the most significant professional indemnity claims against consultants in the last few years. She has also assisted clients through health and safety and police investigations following fatalities and incidents on sites and represented them where enforcement action and prosecutions are taken.

Her approach is to conduct early risk assessments to understand the merits and achieve results which take into account those risks and the need for a proportional approach to resource and cost.

Sheena's recent notable cases include:

- + Issuing proceedings in the local courts in Dubai in relation to a substantial final account claim and working with a local Emirati lawyer to advance the claim and defend the counterclaim; eventually achieving a settlement through a series of meetings using the services of the court appointed expert. Through claim preparation and perseverance with a number of adjournments and the threat of debtor insolvency, the client recovered a substantial payment and avoided excessive expenditure on costs.
- + Providing project advisory support to consultants acting in joint venture on a high profile building project in Rabat, Morocco for the King. Sheena's role has involved advice on strategy as well as legal advice on entitlement and obligations under the appointment which is governed by the rules on public contracts in Morocco. There are numerous issues on



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Sheena has ‘a very good understanding of technical construction and engineering issues’
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the project and the likelihood of claims; the clients therefore value Sheena's input in mitigation of risk.

- + Ongoing strategic advice in relation to two signature mega storey office buildings in the City of London where technical issues have beset the buildings close to completion. The issues have gained both national and trade press. In addition to assisting on strategy, she has sourced expert support on a number of the complex technical issues that arise and assisted the clients with contractual correspondence to protect their position.
- + Acting for an international construction consultant on a substantial claim for fees and counterclaims made against them in relation to a shopping centre project in Port Louis in Mauritius which was eventually settled during arbitration proceedings in the LCIA-MIAC Arbitration Centre.

Sheena is a columnist for Building and Infrastructure Intelligence and a regular speaker to the construction and insurance industries.