FROM THE EDITOR

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in which we draw on the experience and expertise of leading experts to bring you commentary, articles and reviews on topical matters relating to construction law.

In this issue we feature construction professionals with two articles highlighting the risks associated with providing professional services and the standards society expects, and the law demands, of professionals, and a further article highlighting the importance of selecting, instructing and supervising expert witnesses. The articles are timely as design, engineering and quantity surveying services will be captured by the Construction Contracts Act 2002 in relation to contracts entered into from 1 September 2016.



We also look at circumstances in which parties will be prevented from referring the 'same or substantially the same' dispute to adjudication; payments made pursuant to a direct deed may be deemed voidable; retentions under the spotlight in the UK; recent developments in exclusion and limitation clauses in construction contracts; and more.

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