

# BOOK REVIEW



## The International Application of FIDIC Contracts: A Practical Guide

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*The International Application of FIDIC Contracts: A Practical Guide*, by Dr Donald Charrett along with more than 30 other contributors, addresses the specific legal requirements of applicable construction law contracts over 18 separate and independent jurisdictions. In particular, it provides readers with an invaluable insight into how FIDIC contracts may be used for construction contracts in these jurisdictions.

This book is a useful guide to understanding FIDIC's standard form of contract, which is based on an equitable risk allocation between contracting parties. For any construction project, the contract's General Conditions need to be supplemented by Particular Conditions, that set out specific requirements of that intended contract. This text provides helpful detail in terms of the preparation of Particular Conditions.

The book also demonstrates the benefits of using the FIDIC's General Conditions at the tendering stage of a construction project, as well as the consistency it provides for the duration of the contract itself.

Each jurisdiction (including Papua New Guinea since the book was published) has acceded to the New York Convention, and as one of its General Conditions, FIDIC contracts require international arbitration to finally settle disputes that have not been avoided or resolved by the decision of a Dispute Avoidance or Adjudication Board, or a Dispute Adjudication Board.

This is an essential guide for the construction industry.