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Sarah is a senior associate in the real estate team, with a focus on construction.

She specialises in non-contentious work for the construction and engineering sectors. She advises institutional investors, developers (commercial and residential), universities and major retailers. She also advises contractors, specialist sub-contractors and consultants. Sarah undertakes a wide variety of contract work for clients - drafting and negotiating standard and bespoke forms of contracts such as building contracts, professional appointments, development agreements, security documents and associated transaction documents.

Track record

£70m refinancing

Advising an employer on the procurement route and construction aspects for a £70m refinancing in connection with the major refurbishment of commercial premises, including drafting and negotiating the main building contract, professional appointments and associated documentation. Providing on-going advice in connection with the sale of the property including all construction related due diligence.

Industrial sites refurbishment

Advising a funder in connection with financing the refurbishment of two large industrial sites in northern England (£17.5m), reviewing the building contracts, professional appointments, warranties and agreements for lease and providing a detailed report for the funder.

Refurbishment and redevelopment

Advising a contractor in connection with the refurbishment and redevelopment of a property to provide 10 luxury apartments and the refurbishment of internal and common areas. Also advising on payment security matters including drafting and negotiating an escrow agreement.

New student centre

Advising a university on the procurement route and providing ongoing advice on a £30m project developing a new student centre in central London.

Fire stopping remedial works

Advising a residents' association in north London in connection with negotiating template and individual access agreements for essential fire stopping remedial works to be undertaken.

External publications

“Third Party Agreements - a Contractor's Perspective” (2018)

“Unexpected, unforeseen, unaware? - Site Conditions” (2017)

“Guaranteeing Company Obligations - Personal Guarantees” (2016)

“Complacency costs when it comes to Anti-bribery Legislation” (2016)

“Health & Safety - The new CDM Regulations and misconceptions regarding the new role of Principal Designer” (2015)

“Understanding your design duty - reasonable skill and care versus fitness for purpose” (2014)

Admissions

England and Wales, 2002

Education

Edinburgh University , MA Hons History

Languages

English

Memberships

Society of Construction Law

Key dates

Year joined: 2019

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