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GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

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PRACTICE

Sheriar joined Atkin Chambers as a tenant in September 2023, following successful completion of his pupillage. Sheriar has trained in Chambers' core practice areas of construction, engineering and infrastructure, energy and utilities, and technology. Sheriar has experience at all stages of litigation and arbitration and has worked with a variety of standard form construction contracts including JCT and NEC forms.

Sheriar graduated with a first-class degree in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) before reading for a Master of Law from the University of Cambridge.

Prior to commencing pupillage, Sheriar spent eight months working at the High Court as a Judicial Assistant. During part of this time, Sheriar was the Judicial Assistant to Mr Justice Waksman (current Judge in Charge) and Mrs Justice O'Farrell (previous Judge in Charge) in the Technology & Construction Court.

Sheriar previously lived in Frankfurt where he undertook a year-long traineeship with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer's international arbitration team and worked on several international commercial arbitrations.

CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Since becoming a tenant, Sheriar has been regularly instructed both unled and as part of a team in relation to cases in the High Court and County Court.

- Drafting Defence and Counterclaim in the Technology & Construction Court in respect of a dispute involving the design and construction of a new football pitch (total claim value approximately £1.2 million)
- Drafting Particulars of Claim in the Technology & Construction Court, alleging professional negligence against a project manager and supervisor (claim value approximately £2million).
- Drafting Particulars of Claim in the Technology & Construction Court in respect of a final account dispute (claim value approximately £1million).
- Drafting Particulars of Claim in the Technology & Construction Court in respect of a claim by homeowners in connection with the defective construction of a property (claim value approximately £1million).
- Drafting various advices on issues arising out of the Building Safety Act 2022 and in particular in relation to the new Higher-Risk Building regime.
- Instructed as sole counsel to draft a Defence in the County Court in respect of a claim by a contractor for sums deducted during the contract works under a Pay Less Notice.
- Instructed as sole counsel to draft a Defence and Counterclaim in the County Court in respect of a claim for incomplete and defective work.
- Instructed as sole counsel to advise on the prospects of a permission to appeal hearing.
- Instructed as sole counsel in a successful application to set aside default judgment in the County Court.
- Appeared in a Technology & Construction Court hearing on a noting brief.
- Drafting Particulars of Claim on behalf of an employer in a fire safety defect claim arising out of defectively designed and constructed cladding works by a sub-contractor (during pupillage).
- Drafting advice on limitation in a claim by a main contractor against its sub-contractor for allegedly defective refurbishment works (during pupillage).
- Drafting Particulars of Claim alleging negligent design of a pipeline system by hydraulic engineers (during pupillage).
- Drafting advice for an employer on compensation event issues in an amended NEC contract (during pupillage).
- Drafting Defence in a cladding claim against an architect arising out of fire safety defects (during pupillage).
- Drafting advice on fire safety issues and limitation in a prospective claim against a developer (during pupillage).

- Drafting advice on the contractual interpretation of clauses under an amended JCT Standard Build Contract (during pupillage).
- Drafting advice on time at large issues under a JCT Standard Build Contract (during pupillage).
- Assisting in drafting an advice with regard to principles of legal causation in a claim concerning the defective design of a warehouse (during pupillage).
- Drafting advice in relation to a call on a performance bond under a shipbuilding contract (during pupillage).
- Drafting advice on the contractual interpretation of insurance clauses under an amended JCT Intermediate Building Contract (during pupillage).
- Assisting in drafting an advice on causes of action under the Building Safety Act 2022 (during pupillage).
- Drafting advice relating to the interpretation of exclusion clauses in a construction contract (during pupillage).

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Sheriar's energy and natural resources experience during pupillage includes:

- Drafting advice on termination issues under a bespoke framework services agreement for the supply, installation and commission of an emission controls plant.
- Drafting a Statement of Defence in an English law governed LCIA arbitration in relation to a dispute arising out of the sale of petroleum products.

ARBITRATION AND ADJUDICATION

- Successfully acting as sole counsel to defend a smash and grab adjudication referred by a sub-contractor under an NEC Contract valued at circa £330,000.
- Junior counsel (led by Stephanie Barwise KC) on an adjudication concerning declarations sought which arise out of a bespoke construction contract.
- Instructed as sole counsel to act for a main contractor in an adjudication under an NEC contract regarding the provision of electronic communications services worth over £1.1 million.
- Acting for the employer on two simultaneous adjudications in respect of two separate projects.
- Instructed to advise on prospects of success for a responding party in an adjudication.
- Drafting advice on the merits of challenges to enforcement of an adjudication decision (during pupillage).
- Drafting a Request for Arbitration in an ICC Arbitration in respect of a claim for breach of contract arising out of the termination of a framework agreement (during pupillage).
- Drafting a Defence to a Statement of Case on behalf of a firm of architects in relation to a claim

for alleged breaches of contract in respect of design and inspection matters (during pupillage).

GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Sheriar gained experience in a range of commercial disputes during pupillage, including:

- Drafting a skeleton argument for a preliminary issue hearing on the interpretation of a limitation of liability clause in a Master Services Agreement.
 - Drafting advice on limitation in respect of an insurance claim.
 - Drafting skeleton arguments for various interim applications, including for pre-action disclosure, permission to amend a statement of case, security for costs and summary judgement and/or strike out.
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QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

2018 – 2019:	BPTC, City Law School
2018:	Sir Dingle Foot Scholarship awarded by Gray's Inn
2018:	City Law School Scholarship for Academic Excellence
2017 – 2018:	LLM Master of Law, University of Cambridge
2014 – 2017:	LLB Bachelor of Law (1 st Class Honours), London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sheriar speaks conversational French.