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Rachael has been practicing as a solicitor specialising in construction law since 2007.

Rachael has particular experience in the procurement of developments including drafting, advising upon and negotiating all aspects of construction documentation such as construction contracts, assignment and novation agreements, bonds and guarantees and the appointment of the professional team by both traditional and bespoke procurement methods.

Rachael has advised a range of both employer, contractor and consultant clients on all of these matters where clients include housing associations, SME contractors and sub-contractors, developers, an NHS Trust, charities, care home providers and science park owners, suppliers and.

Rachael may act continuously for clients throughout the lifetime of a project or alternatively provide advice as and when it is required to support the client's business needs.

Rachael also regularly deals with all forms of dispute resolution including court proceedings, arbitration, mediation and adjudication. She has acted for both employer and contractor clients, including national and regional house builders, contractors and sub-contractors, leading to her first reported case Avoncroft Construction Limited v Sharba Homes (CN) Limited in 2008.

Rachael also advises upon contractual claims (bespoke and standard form contracts), breach of contract, defective work, delay claims and negligence.

Rachael is a visiting lecturer to Part 2 and Part 3 architecture students at Birmingham City University and Construction Management and Law students at Aston University.

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