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Jean specialises in international contentious construction law.

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BACKGROUND

Jean holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Queensland. She is dual-qualified in Australia and New York. Prior to joining the firm's Dubai disputes practice, Jean spent two years in our Tokyo office.

KEY SERVICES

[Dispute Resolution](#)
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KEY SECTORS

[Energy](#)
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EXPERIENCE

Jean's practice involves representing owners, contractors and major equipment suppliers in a range of cross-border court proceedings and international arbitrations. Jean has a particular focus on construction claims arising during project delivery, including defect, variation, delay and disruption claims.

Jean's experience has included advising:

- a Ghanaian owner in ICC proceedings seated in London in a dispute against the EPC contractor concerning the construction of a combined cycle tri-fuel power station in Ghana. The claim involved parallel litigation proceedings in the Ghanaian and South African courts
- a UAE contractor in ICC proceedings seated in London in a dispute against the employer concerning delay and defect claims during the construction of a five-star resort in Abu Dhabi
- a Chinese subcontractor in ICC proceedings seated in Singapore in a dispute against the EPC contractor arising from delays during the construction of an aromatics plant in Saudi Arabia
- a Luxembourg-based multinational steel manufacturer in a claim against an Indian purchaser arising in parallel RAK, Mauritian and English court proceedings
- a Japanese supplier in US litigation proceedings in a dispute with the EPC Contractor concerning a boiler overheating incident on an EPC power station project in the United States
- a Chinese oil and gas company in SIAC arbitral proceedings relating to its investment in a European oil company concerning assets in the North Sea

In addition, Jean has completed two client secondments. She has been seconded to a Japanese trading house in Tokyo, and to a French multinational electric utility company in the Middle East.