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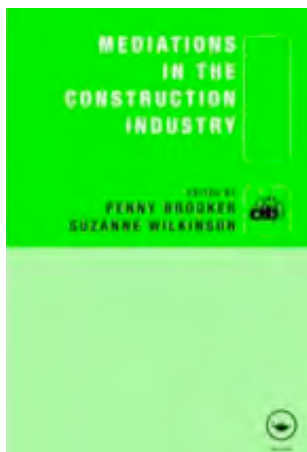
Around the Task Groups and Working Commissions

TG68 - Construction Mediation

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As part of its CIB Series Spon Press announces the upcoming publication of two books in the area of Construction Law and Dispute Resolution.

Mediation in the Construction Industry - An International Review



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The application of construction dispute procedures has changed dramatically in the last decade. This has resulted in an increased use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in many countries, and mediation in particular. Construction is one of the major industries using mediation, in the UK and in many other countries such as the US, China, Australia and New Zealand. This expansion in mediation has been helped by encouragement from governments, although it takes diverse forms in different legal jurisdictions, for example: court rules to encourage this use (as in the US and UK); the courts' own mediation schemes or programmes, or legislation-backed programmes; or the use of industry driven mediation clauses in standard form contracts.

These developments have taken place extremely rapidly. They represent significant changes to the legal environment within which the international

construction industry conducts its business but, to date, there has been little research on their impact. All these initiatives have inevitably led to a developing legal jurisprudence concerned with the validity of contract clauses or with providing statutory interpretation of the rules requiring or governing practice. This has important consequences for the construction industry because legal uncertainty increases the likelihood of dispute, which is not only costly for the disputants but can be damaging to national and global economies.

This book identifies the emerging international practices within construction mediation, and seeks solutions to the many legal and commercial challenges, which they pose. It presents an international collection of reviews by experts, and allows a comparative commentary on the practice of construction mediation and the legal challenges facing its development.

Selected Contents: Introduction: International Review of Construction Mediation, Construction Mediation in Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, Turkey, UK (England and Wales), Conclusion: Review of International Mediation Practises and Key Legal Challenges

Availability

The book will be available in July 2010 as a Hardback copy with 208 pages and the price with 20% discount is £ 48.00.

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Green Buildings and the Law

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In countries such as the UK, the energy used in constructing, occupying and operating buildings represents approximately 50% of greenhouse gas emissions. Pressure to improve the environmental performance of buildings during both construction and occupancy, particularly to reduce carbon emissions from buildings, has become intense.

Understandably, legislation and regulation are driving green development and compliance. And this is happening in a wide variety of ways. This review of the law in key jurisdictions for the research community, lawyers, the construction industry and government examines some of the mechanisms in place – from the more traditional building regulation controls to green leases and the law relating to buildings and their natural environment. Members of the CIB TG69 research group on 'Green Buildings and the Law' review aspects of the law relating to green development in a range of jurisdictions.

Selected Contents: Introduction, United States: Emissions from buildings, United Kingdom: Green leases, United Kingdom: Emissions from buildings, Energy efficiency requirements of buildings under the Australian Building Code, Australia: Residential Buildings and the Urban Green Environment, The Netherlands: Building regulations,

Overview of Malaysian Legislation, Singapore: Indoor air quality, Law and policy initiatives for sustainable buildings in Singapore, Green Buildings and the Law in Taiwan, The South African Constitution: Implications for the Built Environment and Overview, discussion and conclusions

Availability

The book will be available in April 2011 as a Hardback and eBook with 224 pages. Price Hardback and eBook is £ 80.00.

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