ShookLin&Bok

Construction & Projects

Overview

Construction and engineering projects are a complex undertaking, involving multiple stakeholders at any one time, often from different jurisdictions. This is especially so with modern-day projects placing greater emphasis on the need to address ESG concerns. A keen understanding of the industry and the law is, therefore, required when navigating the terrain. Our Construction & Projects Practice has experience in all aspects of construction and infrastructure project work from inception to implementation.

We have advised clients on contracts and project documents which are widely used within the industry (such as SIA and PSSCOC). Our practice has also advised on niche contracts, with a recent uptick in "eco-friendly" contracts such as the wide-scale installation of chargers for electric vehicles and smart systems that promote energy savings. Working closely with our Corporate Real Estate and Corporate Banking Practices, we provide clients with a comprehensive range of legal solutions for cross-disciplinary construction and infrastructure matters involving property, conveyancing and financing aspects.

We have deep expertise in contentious construction and projects work as well, having acted as lead counsel in various domestic and international arbitration, litigation, mediation, adjudication and other methods of dispute resolution. Amongst others, we have been instructed to act as lead counsel in urgent matters which arise in the midst of construction / engineering projects such as adjudication proceedings under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2004, Court applications to restrain the calling of performance bonds, and Court-ordered easements. We also have experience advising on and acting in MCST disputes and Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act matters.

Over the years, we have advised a wide array of clients including construction companies, real estate investment trusts, property developers, oil and gas companies and government-linked companies.

We advise across the full spectrum of Construction services, including

- Building construction including residential, retail, industrial, mixed development and commercial
- Land reclamation and marine engineering
- Mines and mineral processing facilities
- Oil and gas projects
- Ports and airports
- Power infrastructure such as hydroelectric / combined cycle / thermal power stations

- Process engineering
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Sports and leisure facilities
- Telecommunications and IT infrastructure
- Transportation infrastructure such as roads / rail projects
- Water and environmental engineering such as sewerage systems

Accolades

Benchmark Litigation

- Ranked in Construction (2018 – 2026) – Current Ranking: Tier 4

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- Ranked in Construction (2021, 2023 – 2025) – Current Ranking: Recognised

Legal 500 Asia Pacific

- Ranked in Construction (2017 – 2021)

Testimonials

The team provides excellent and user-friendly service including legal research and drafting, and is sensitive to the client's needs.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2026

They are first and foremost very professional. As a client I find that it is very comforting to know that my lawyers are on top of the situation in legal matters.

- Chambers Asia Pacific 2026

Shook Lin does not overcomplicate matters. It knows when to latch onto the right details and when to move things along efficiently.

- Chambers Asia Pacific 2025

The lawyers at Shook Lin & Bok LLP “give good advice and explore every possibility and leave no stone unturned” and regularly works alongside colleagues in the real estate, disputes, banking, and insolvency departments to offer a one-stop-shop for banks, construction engineering companies, developers and contractors.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025

Shook Lin & Bok LLP's core areas of work span litigation and arbitration, insolvency, drafting and reviewing of contracts, project financing, regulatory and environmental issues.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025

The team took on the case seriously and was very committed which gave me the assured and confidence that I've got the right lawyers working on my case. They give good advice and explore every possibility and leave no stone unturned. I'll gladly recommend Shook Lin & Bok LLP.

- Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025

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