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**SECTORS:** Airports, Energy, Infrastructure, Road, Bridges and Tunnels, Rail, Social Infrastructure, Transport

**SERVICES:** Construction, Hotels and Hospitality, Energy Dispute Resolution, Real Estate Finance, Infrastructure Dispute Resolution, Project Finance, Dispute Resolution, Finance, Real Estate

## BIO

### BARRY HEMBLING IS A PARTNER IN THE REAL ESTATE GROUP.

Barry Hembling is a successful, legal directories recommended, construction law expert working across a wide spectrum of construction projects both domestically and internationally. He has 25+ years in-house and private practice experience of helping clients manage risks so they can meet their cost and time objectives. He acts on projects in the hotel, real estate, infrastructure, energy and transport sectors and on the construction aspects of real estate development finance transactions.

He has an established record of offering contentious and non-contentious legal support from initial contract negotiations, advice on live projects and dispute avoidance. Barry has a reputation for commercial acumen, building long-term global client relationships and offering cost effective commercial solutions that minimise risk.

Impressed sources quoted in the 2024 edition of legal directories say, “having tried other commercial construction solicitor, he is, in my view, the best out there”. Others remark “I am pleased we have Barry in our corner in order to best protect the business in a period of growth.” His advice is commended as “top-notch, always succinct and to the point, and extremely practical”.

Barry is experienced in prosecuting and defending all types of construction claims, particularly complex, high value construction disputes. These include sixteen reported UK High Court and Court of Appeal judgments plus acting in proceedings before the UK Supreme Court.

Barry has advised on some of the world’s most iconic projects including the Aquatics Centre at the 2012 Olympics, the City of London Lloyd’s Building, the London Eye and the Sydney Tower. He often acts for clients on global projects including Australia, China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, UAE and USA among others plus the UK.

# WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS

Barry is a board member of the Technology and Construction Solicitors' Association, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the Society of Construction Law. He is a construction law thought leader, with articles regularly published, including in The Times and the Estates Gazette. He has presented at Chatham House, at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, at the Houses of Parliament, at the Third UK-China Rule of Law Roundtable in China, at the Architects' Journal Conference and at the Construction Law Summer School. He has been a recommended lawyer in legal directories for many years, most recently in the October 2023 edition of Legal 500 in three separate categories.

## EXPERIENCE

Acting for the successful tenant and appellant in UK Court of Appeal proceedings to establish that statutory adjudication rights apply to collateral warranty claims.

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Acting as construction law adviser to a firm of well-known architects on a global portfolio of construction projects, including projects in China, Japan, Russia and Middle East in addition to the UK.

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Acting for a developer on the construction aspects of an acquisition and subsequent redevelopment of an existing building into a new 145 key "Moxy" branded hotel in central Manchester.

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Acting on the construction aspects of a £76m redevelopment of a 500k sq. ft. site in the City of London involving the extension and conversion of an existing office building to create a new hotel plus the construction of 87 new homes and a public space.

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Acting for a UK contractor in a termination of contract claim against a well-known housing association on a project for the construction of a £10m mixed use development scheme.

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## EDUCATION

1993-1996 Anglia Law School, Law

1989-1993 King's College, University of London: Masters of Arts (MA), Associate of King's College, London

## MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Technology and Construction Solicitors' Association
- Society of Construction Law
- Solicitors Regulation Authority

## INSIGHTS

## EVENT

### ON SITE CONSTRUCTION WEBINAR SERIES: SUMMER 2024 UPDATE

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## ARTICLE

### ON-SITE REVIEW: 2023 IN PERSPECTIVE

[www.wfw.com/articles/on-site-review-2023-in-perspective/](http://www.wfw.com/articles/on-site-review-2023-in-perspective/)

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## PRESS

### WFW ADVISES THE WOLSELEY HOSPITALITY GROUP ON CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW LONDON RESTAURANTS

[www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-the-wolseley-hospitality-group-on-construction-of-two-new-london-restaurants/](http://www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-the-wolseley-hospitality-group-on-construction-of-two-new-london-restaurants/)

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