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Contract Law Update - the latest case law in practice

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Reduce contract risk and sharpen your drafting skills. This expert-led online training course unpacks the latest contract law case law, with practical examples for lawyers, contract managers and procurement professionals.

Format:
Live online

CPD:
6 hours for your records

Certificate of completion

Course overview

Keeping pace with the latest developments in commercial contract law is essential for anyone responsible for drafting, negotiating, reviewing or managing business agreements. Recent court decisions have provided important guidance on key areas such as contract formation, interpretation, implied terms, good faith, limitation of liability, damages, force majeure and contractual remedies, all of which can have a significant impact on commercial outcomes and risk allocation.

This highly practical and interactive training course examines the most important contract law developments and case law trends affecting commercial contracts today. Through expert analysis and practical examples, delegates will gain a clear understanding of how the courts are approaching common contractual issues and what this means when drafting, negotiating and managing agreements. Particular attention will be given to the lessons that can be learned from recent cases and how these can be applied to strengthen contracts and avoid costly disputes.

The programme covers the full contract lifecycle, from formation and incorporation of terms through to performance, breach, termination and remedies. It will explore current thinking on contract interpretation, implied terms, good faith obligations, guarantees and indemnities, reasonable endeavours, limitation of liability clauses and the effectiveness of boilerplate provisions. The course will also consider emerging issues, including the legal implications of smart contracts and contracting through automated technologies.

Whether you are involved in contracts for goods, services, technology, intellectual property or other commercial arrangements, this course will provide an invaluable update on the latest legal developments and practical drafting considerations. Presented by a leading expert in commercial contract law, it offers a convenient and comprehensive way to stay up to date, reduce contractual risk and ensure your agreements reflect current legal best practice.

Benefits of attending

By attending this highly practical training course you will:

- **Learn** about the latest case law relating to contracts
- **Examine** the impact the latest case law has on your contracts
- **Understand** how to use this information in practice
- **Get to grips** with contract interpretation and implied terms
- **Reduce** your contract risk profile and tighten up your contract clauses

Who should attend?

This training course will be of particular benefit to:

- In-house lawyers
- Private practice lawyers
- Contract managers and professionals
- Paralegals and trainee solicitors
- Business development managers
- Procurement managers
- Purchasing managers

Plus others whose work regularly brings them into contact with commercial contracts.

Programme

Formation of a contract

- Offers or ITTs
- Parties
- Burying onerous terms and incorporation
- Deeds gone wrong

Interpretation and implied terms

- How to interpret a contract
- Which terms can be implied and in what circumstances?

Good faith and discretion

- The status of good faith in English Law
- When can a decision be attached for being capricious?

Guarantees and indemnities

- Primary guarantees 'on demand'
- Secondary obligations to perform or to pay
- 6 types of indemnities

Obligations and endeavours

- Innominate, warranty or a condition - how do you tell?
- New tests for reasonable endeavours

Breach of contract and damages

- The difference between repudiatory and material breach
- How to handle non-performance
- Liquidated damages or penalties?

Other remedies

- Failure of basis and abandonment
- Misrepresentation
- Unjust enrichment and duress

Limitation of liability

- Drafting exclusion clauses that work
- Latest guidance on reasonableness

Boilerplates

- Force majeure - Covid and Ukraine
- The entire agreement clause
- Dispute resolution and variations

Smart contracts

- Contracting in natural language or code?

Presenter



Helen Swaffield

Helen Swaffield is a practising Barrister with over 25 years' experience in Commercial and Public Law including commercial contracts and regulation, EU Law, international outsourcing and procurement, competition, franchising, supply and distribution and IPR. Helen appears in the High Court, Commercial Court and Technology and Construction Court as well as commercial arbitrations and adjudications. Helen has a French Law accreditation and has a diploma in EU Law from the University of Strasbourg. Having worked at both the EU Commission and the EU Court, she speaks French and reads Spanish.

Helen has drafted commercial, public and health sector contracts and has developed precedents and templates for industry use. She is regularly consulted to mitigate business risks and resolve claims and other disputes before litigation. Helen is the editor of and contributor to the *Commercial Litigation Journal* and the *Procurement and Outsourcing Journal*.

Course dates

6 May 27	**Live online** 09:00-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+01) *Course code 17143*	GBP **599** ~~699~~ EUR **839** ~~979~~ USD **963** ~~1,119~~ **Until 11 Mar**
29 November 27	**Live online** 09:00-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+00) *Course code 17523*	GBP **599** ~~699~~ EUR **839** ~~979~~ USD **963** ~~1,119~~ **Until 04 Oct**

How to book

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- Most events qualify for an **early booking discount** prior to 6 weeks before the course date. Be sure to check on our website, where the latest discounts will be shown.

Further information

Fee
The fee includes all meals and refreshments for the duration of the course (for venue-based courses) and a complete set of course materials (provided electronically). If you have any particular requirements, please advise customer services when booking.

Please note
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Reviews

★★★★★

Enlightening and educational. Very useful in my day to day job knowing the contract updates and practical knowledge from experienced professionals. Was looking for an update on recent legal and adjudication cases. The course accomplished my expectations. Will be keen for a follow up course next year.

Raymond McGhee
Commercial Manager
SPEN
May 7 2026

★★★★☆

She (speaker) was very engaging and informative and took the time to address all questions.

Isha Mirza-Bari
Senior Contracts Specialist and Solicitor
Simbec Orion
May 7 2026

★★★★☆

It was very useful.

Sara Khatoon
Associate Legal Counsel
Impellam Group PLC
Feb 5 2025

★★★★★

Excellent speaker, clear slides and comprehensive content.

John Marray
Senior Legal Director
Fair Isaac Services
Jan 16 2024

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