

Module Reference
Module Title

LA 01
Solving Disputes in Oil &
Gas Contracts
(1/2 Day)

Course Introduction

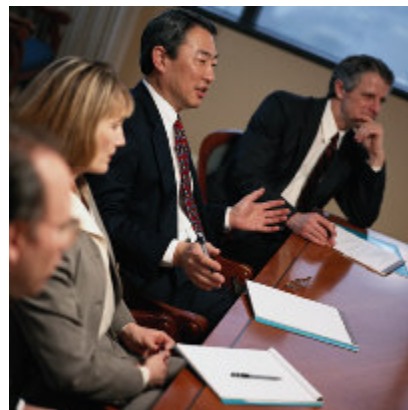
The resolution of disputes has expanded over the last few years to offer viable alternatives to traditional adversarial court based litigation. It is a matter of fact in the Oil & Gas business that you as a company will probably need to do business again with the very person who you are currently in dispute with.

Therefore there are alternative vehicles which can be used to reach an amicable settlement without recourse to the lengthy and often entrenched court process.

Course Objectives

To introduce the delegate to the various resolution techniques and to how these can be used practically to resolve disputes which invariably result in the business process. It will include: -

- * Exploring the methods of dispute resolution available, including negotiation, arbitration, litigation, expert determination and mediation;
- * Consideration of the importance of including a dispute resolution clause, and what can go wrong without one;
- * Examination of the role and significance of choice of law and jurisdiction and how to cater for them;
- * Discussion of the pitfalls of drafting a comprehensive dispute resolution clause;
- * Evaluation of some good and bad examples of such clauses.



Learning Outcomes

The delegate will leave the seminar with a greater understanding of one of the most important, but neglected, clauses in any oil and gas contract: **the dispute resolution clause**. During this session (which will consist of part lecture part interactive exercise) the delegate will gain a detailed understanding of the options available for dispute resolution and how to (and how not to) frame a suitable and watertight dispute resolution clause.

Who Should Attend?

Employees who may interact with clients on a contractual basis but who may also

be responsible for settling disputes that invariably arise during or on completion of a contract. Anybody with an interest in alternative dispute resolution.

The Presenter - Derek Auchie

Derek is a senior lecturer in law and a qualified solicitor. Prior to joining the Department of Law at the Robert Gordon University he practised in both civil and criminal litigation work in a wide range of Scottish public courts and tribunals

His research interests include the Law of Evidence (Scottish and Comparative) and Dispute Resolution (Domestic and International)

Derek is the author of '*Summary Cause Procedure in the Sheriff Court*' [2nd Edition] and also author of a chapter entitled 'Dispute Resolution' in the textbook: "*Introduction to Law and Legal Obligations*" Editor: Dale McFadzean

Course Duration 9.30am – 1.00 pm

Each delegate will receive a Certificate of Attendance on completion of the seminar.