

8.30 – 9.00 am **Registration, Coffee and Networking**

9.00 – 9.10 am **Welcome and Introduction**
Tracey Keith, Legal Manager, Offshore Energies UK

9.10 – 9.30 am **Keynote Address**
Katy Heidenreich, Supply Chain & People Director, Offshore Energies UK
and Managing Director, LOGIC

9.30 – 10.15 am **Navigating the Evolving AI Landscape**
Rachel Macrae, Senior Associate, CMS
Gideon Green, Associate, CMS

Following last year's introduction to artificial intelligence and generative AI - covering the fundamentals of what AI is and how it works - this year's session will focus on the significant developments that have shaped the AI landscape over the past twelve months. Our speakers, Rachel Macrae and Gideon Green, will guide you through the latest regulatory changes and practical advancements in the field.

Key Topics:

- **Regulatory Developments in AI:**
 - *The EU AI Act: Key provisions and implications*
 - *The UK's approach: The Data (Use and Access) Act and the AI (Regulation) Bill*
 - *International perspectives: Updates from the US and China*
 - *Intellectual property and copyright: A brief update, including the Getty Images v Stability AI case*
- **Practical Advances in AI:**
 - *How CMS is leveraging AI in practice:*
 - *Harvey: Vault and Playbooks*
 - *Synthesia: Custom Avatar*
 - *Relativity aiR*

Join us for an engaging and informative session that will equip you with a clear understanding of the current regulatory environment and the practical ways AI is being adopted in the legal sector and beyond.

10.15 – 10.45 am **Projects and Risk in the Offshore Energy Sector**

Offshore Winds of Change: is it LOGICal?
Kate Lister, Partner, Clyde & Co LLP

A comparative discussion on the different approach to standard contracts in the offshore construction sector, focussing on LOGIC terms and the recently updated IMCA T&I Contract.



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Deep Risks, Smart Pricing: Exploring alternative pricing structures in offshore contracts

Victoria Peckett, Partner, Clyde & Co LLP

Are lump sum prices always the best solution? What are the alternatives? When might they be used? Pitfalls and traps to avoid when implementing alternative pricing structures.

10.45 – 11.15 am Morning Break

11.15 – 11.45 am Projects and Risk in the Offshore Energy Sector (cont.)

Indemnity Provisions - How far can you push it before it breaks?

Mark Walsh, Partner, Clyde & Co LLP

A presentation illustrating the boundaries of indemnity provisions in various situations, considering the current approach of English law to economic and consequential loss, and asking whether typical offshore indemnity-drafting has become too sophisticated for its own good.

Dispute-proofing Energy Projects

Tom Roberts, Partner, Clyde & Co LLP

An overview on avoiding disputes and protecting your position when operating an energy construction contract. The talk will include practical guidance on how to deal with project delays and managing scope variations.

11.45 – 12.30 pm Case Law Session

David Lewis KC, Twenty Essex

A detailed analysis of Judgments handed down by the Courts in the last 12 months and of issues therein that are pertinent to offshore contracts. Themes covered will include:

- *Dispute resolution clauses – what happens when related contracts have different provisions?*
- *Agreements to agree and expert determination – when is uncertainty too uncertain?*
- *Conditions precedent – how best to create one?*

12.30 – 1.45 pm Lunch Break

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1.45 – 2.30 pm **Case Law Session (continued)**
David Lewis KC, Twenty Essex

2.30 – 3.15 pm **Managing Joint Ventures**
Michael Ashcroft KC, Twenty Essex
India Furse, Senior Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright
Leone Astolfi, Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright

Joint ventures are long-term relationships on complex projects where priorities and positions can change over time, making bumps in the road inevitable. In this session, the panel will discuss some of the key issues facing joint venture partners including investment, geopolitical and cultural factors, transfers, exit and withdrawal, and mechanisms for resolution by reference to case studies.

3.15 – 3.45 pm **Afternoon Break**

3.45 – 4.45 pm **A Panel Discussion: Cyber Risk and Managing Cyber Incidents**
Chaired by Mark Wilson, HSE & Operations Director, Offshore Energies UK

- Damien Behan, Innovation & Technology Director, Brodies LLP
- Madeleine Shanks, Legal Director, Clyde & Co LLP
- David Fisher-Holt, OT Principal Engineer, CyberPrism
- Martin Smith, MD, CyberPrism
- Henrik Sollien Ramberg, Information Security Advisor, Equinor

An interactive discussion exploring the evolving landscape of cyber threats and how organisations can effectively prepare for and respond to cyber incidents. The panel will look at recently publicised cyber incidents touching on recent trends, legal and regulatory, preparation for and managing cyber incidents as well as highlighting some key takeaways. Questions in advance are welcome as well as questions on the day.

4.45 – 5.20 pm **What Just Happened? Anticipating The Risk Of A Change In Law Impacting Commercial Contracts**
Conrad Purcell, Partner, Haynes Boone

The talk will address the impact of changes in law on commercial contracts, examples of which include changes that impact the benchmarks used in contracts for pricing purposes such as changes to the mechanism used to determine spot prices in power offtake agreements or changes to interest rate benchmarks that we saw with the phase out of LIBOR as well as the impact on cross border supply agreements following the introduction of import duties or tariffs. It will cover best practice when drafting this type of provision and practical tips on how to manage a change in law.

5.20 pm **Concluding Thoughts and Thanks**
Tracey Keith, Legal Manager, Offshore Energies UK

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5.30 – 6.30 pm **Drinks Reception**



6.30 pm **Conference Dinner**

Dinner Speaker
Judith Aldersey-Williams



10.00 pm **Event Close**



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