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Philip is a Mediator, International Arbitrator and a Statutory Adjudicator in Western Australia and the Northern Territory, Australia. Philip is engaged in drafting and negotiating all forms of construction contracts and advice on all aspects of construction law including claims and disputes, and has considerable mega-project experience, including full-time involvement as in-house counsel on construction projects, (including contracts for marine structures and dredging) , in the negotiations and legal department for the operator Chevron on the USD\$54Bn Gorgon LNG project during the previous five years, and for four years more recently as in-house counsel for the EPC contractor Bechtel on the \$37Bn Wheatstone LNG project.

Philip has a B Comm LLB from Stellenbosch University and attended the PMD at Harvard Business School, and subsequently the Executive Negotiation Program at Harvard. Philip serves on the Law Council of Australia /Law Society of Australia Construction and Infrastructure Committee. Philip was a member of the Review Panel for the FIDIC 1999 suite of contract documents. His most recent book is 'The Application of Contracts in Developing Offshore Oil and Gas Projects', published in 2019 by Routledge, Oxford, U.K. Philip is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, a Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and a graded arbitrator of the Resolution Institute and the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa.