



Executive Diploma in Practical and Legal Aspects of Construction Contracts & Disputes

Program Overview

This course is designed for construction industry professionals, offering a comprehensive blend of legal, management, and practical skills to effectively manage contracts and disputes in both international and Indian contexts.

Eligibility

Graduation in any field (management, finance, engineering, legal, etc.) from any recognized national or foreign university.

Minimum 3 years of professional experience in Infrastructure/ Construction Industry in any capacity.

Fee Structure and Discounts

Fee: Rs. 1,25,000/- plus 18% GST
(For corporate/ government sponsors, a discount of 25% will be applied to the total fee for groups of 5 or more participants sponsored by the organisation).

DURATION: One Year (September 2026 to August 2027)

FORMAT: Online

CREDITS: 40

Course Outcomes

- Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the key legal principles and frameworks relevant to construction contracts.
- Effectively apply knowledge of contract selection and drafting, in construction projects.
- Navigate the complexities of all types of construction agreements and resolve disputes using various Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanisms.
- Identify and manage potential legal and contractual risks in construction project planning and execution.
- Be able to work in the field of construction contracts and disputes in international scenario.

Structure of the Program

- Online classes will be conducted on Weekends-Saturdays 7 PM to 9 PM and Sundays 10 AM to 12 PM
- Self-assessment test will be taken after each module (MCQs)
- Mid Semester and End Semester Exams will be taken Online
- Participants will be given one research assignment

Ideal Participants

- This course is designed for engineers, QS, project managers, lawyers, architects, procurement officers, admin & finance personnel, and professionals from other disciplines with work experience in infrastructure sector.
- It provides advanced skills in drafting, managing construction contracts and claims, and resolving disputes, guided by insights from experienced industry experts.

Certification

Certificate of Diploma will be issued by CADR, NLU Delhi to all Participants who:

- Have minimum 70% attendance
- Secure at least 50% marks in each exam and assignment

Course Outline

SEMESTER 1

- MODULE 1: Legal Foundations and Fundamentals of Contract Law
- MODULE 2: Project Management and Financial Management
- MODULE 3: Procurement, Tendering, and Regulatory Frameworks
- MODULE 4: Contractual Arrangements in Construction Industry and Construction Stakeholders

SEMESTER 2

- MODULE 5: Construction contract clauses and claims management
- MODULE 6: Standard forms of international and Indian construction contracts and PPP Concessionaire Agreements
- MODULE 7: Global construction laws and dispute management mechanisms

SESSIONS WILL BE TAKEN BY A MIX OF SENIOR INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS, LAWYERS, AND NLU DELHI FACULTY

Detailed Coverage

- Different Legal Jurisdictions in the World
- Law of Contracts and Indian Contract Act 1872
- Stakeholders in Construction Projects, their Roles, Responsibilities, and Liabilities
- Peculiarities of Construction Projects
- Contractual Structures in Construction Industry
- Procurement and Tendering
- Government of India Regulations for Procurement in Construction Industry and various infrastructure sectors
- Understanding and Drafting clauses of Construction Contracts
- Time Related Claims in Construction Contracts
- Cost Related Claims in Construction Contracts
- Other Issues in Construction Contracts
- Insurances and Financial Management in Construction Projects
- FIDIC and other International standard contracts
- Indian Public Sector Contracts
- World Overview of Construction Laws
- Dispute Avoidance and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms

Resource Persons for the Program

- **Brigadier Amit Kathpalia (Retd.) (Program Director)**, Managing Partner Klaims and Qwantum International, Civil Engineer with LLM in International Construction Contracts from Pantheon Assas University, Paris, with four decades of experience including ten years as Chief Engineer in different Govt Depts and five years at senior levels in Corporate, Visiting Professor NLU Delhi.
- **Prof. (Dr.) Ruhi Paul (Program Director)**, Director, CADR NLU Delhi, Professor of Law with over twenty years of experience in teaching; specializing in ADR, civil procedure, with extensive experience in legal education, research, and capacity building.
- **Dr. Nidhi Gupta (Jt. Program Director)**, Associate Professor, NLU Delhi, Associate Professor of Law with nearly thirty years of experience in legal education, judicial training, and research, specializing in ADR and Private International Law.
- **Ms. Kaadambari Singh**, Sr Advocate Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court, ex Legal Counsel of NHAI- Jt Program Director.
- **Mr. Atul Sharma**, Executive Chairman, Dentons Link Legal with four decades of experience in project advisory, corporate litigation, mediation, arbitration including international commercial arbitration and team from Dentons Link Legal.
- **Mr. Amit Kapur**, Senior Partner, Head of the Delhi office and Chair of National Disputes Practice, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Member of the Committee constituted by the Union Ministry of Law in January 2025, to examine and suggest modifications to prevent contractual disputes.
- **Prof VT Chandra Shekhar Rao**, former Dean of L&T Institute of Project Management, having more than 41 years of projectexecution experience in domestic and international projects.
- **Mr K Venkatesh**, former. MD & CEO of L&T Infrastructure Development Projects (L&T IDPL, with over fourdecades of experience.He played a pivotal role in shaping PPP models in sectors like highways, ports, and urban transit. Guest Faculty at ISB.
- **Mr A. Ramasubramanian**, Lead consultant and Managing Director, Adroit claims and ADR consultants.
- **Ms Mahak Rathee**, Commercial Mediator Advocate. AOR, Supreme Court of India, certified mediator with Phoenix Dispute Solutions, UK and Mediation Chambers, Hong Kong.
- **Dr. Rajiv Nehru**, Indian Achiever's Awardee, IISD Gold Awardee, ISTD Award recipient. British Chevening (UK) & USAID (South Africa) Scholar, currently advising Sobha Constructions LLC with over twenty nine years of experience as a construction management professional.

How to Apply?

- Candidates have to apply online by filling in the application form and submitting their brief CV
- Link of Application Form - <https://odl.nludelhi.ac.in/>
- or scan QR code given below.



- Guidelines for submission of online application form:
<https://shorturl.at/BTI6U>

For any questions and clarifications
please contact: 011-28034255
Email : cadr@nludelhi.ac.in

Timelines

- Commencement of registration and submission of online applications with fees - 20 July 2026
- Last date of online submission - 15 Sep 2026
- Commencement of Program - 20 Sep 2025

All participants are expected to have reasonable experience and exposure of working in infrastructure/ construction industry in any capacity (General/ Financial/ Commercial/ Legal/ Project/ Contract/ SCM/ Consultancy management)

Participants will be given reading material before commencement of the Program and each module, and are expected to come prepared for the sessions. A large portion of the Program will be in the form of discussions on practical situations and case studies and participants are expected to have a basic minimum level of knowledge and exposure of the construction/ infrastructure industry.

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The inaugural batch brought together participants from leading public sector organisations, infrastructure developers, engineering companies, consultants, and law firms, including:



and many other leading organisations from the infrastructure, construction, engineering, and legal sectors.