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Contract Law Update - the latest case law in practice

7 May 2026
+ 30 November 2026

This highly practical course has been developed especially for in-house legal teams, solicitors who are litigating or drafting, contract professionals and procurement officers.



Format:
Live online



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6 hours for your records



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Course overview

This highly interactive course covers all the latest developments in contract law that can impact your commercial contracts. It develops practical points from the cases from the last 18 months, and explains their relevance to your contracts through practical drafting examples and discussions.

This intensive programme will ensure delegates are aware of all the main issues relevant to contracts, including their formation, operation and termination. Whether supplying or buying goods, services or intellectual property, all those involved with contracts will gain the necessary latest knowledge of the law needed in this field.

This one-stop update, presented by an expert in the field, is essential for all those working with commercial contracts.

Benefits of attending

By attending this highly practical 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 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 attacked 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

7 May 2026

Live online

09:00-17:00 **UK (London)** (UTC+01)

Course code 16292

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Until 02 Apr

30 November 2026

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Until 26 Oct

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Reviews



It was very useful.



Sara Khatoun
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



I very much enjoy Helen's courses - she always includes complicated material but it is done in an accessible manner. The courses are also interactive and the supporting materials very good.



Charlotte Osmond
Director, Legal Affairs and Contracts (Solicitor)
Orion Clinical Services Limited
Oct 6 2023



Really enjoyed this course, and the notes are brilliant



Deborah Antonio
Oct 5 2022

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