

# Valentina O'Regan

## Consulting Principal

Master of Construction Law (Hons) (Melb) (LLM)

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (Syd)

Bachelor of Resource Economics (Hons) (Syd)

Minter Ellison Prize in Construction Risk, Allocation & Insurance (LLM)

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## Areas of expertise

Construction & Infrastructure  
Tendering & Procurement  
Security of Payments Legislation  
Major Disputes and Dispute Resolution  
Commercial & Corporate Law  
Government

## Professional Memberships

Society of Construction Lawyers Australia  
National Associate for Women in Construction  
Society of University Lawyers  
NSW Women Lawyers' Association

## Previous experience

University of Technology Sydney (Senior Construction & Project Lawyer)  
King & Wood Mallesons (Construction & Projects)  
DLA Piper (Construction & Projects)

## Overview

Valentina is highly experienced construction and infrastructure lawyer, with over ten years' experience gained in top-tier private practice, in-house and government advisory. Her expertise includes drafting and negotiating complex construction and infrastructure documentation, agreements for lease, leases, licences, and other related ancillary documentation (e.g. supply, minor works, and supply agreements), providing project procurement, structuring and planning, and as well as dispute resolution. Her passion is to provide strong technical advice that is commercially focused.

Her clients include large and national property developers, large private and ASX listed contractors, subcontractors and consultants.

Valentina joined Nexus after being the sole, Senior Construction and Projects Lawyer for the University of Technology Sydney's (UTS) \$1.2 billion 'UTS Campus Master Plan', for 4 years.

She holds a Master in Construction Law (attended Cambridge University on exchange for part). She is also a guest lecturer at UTS on Building and Construction Law.

## Expertise

### Construction & Infrastructure

Valentina has significant experience in advising, negotiating, and preparing construction contracts (including ancillary agreements/minors works etc). Her experience also includes providing strategic procurement advice and advice on structuring deals, for example via a SPV/JV.

### Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Valentina is highly experienced in advising on major and minor disputes across the construction industry, including building defects claims. She is also very experienced in security of payment disputes in NSW, QLD, ACT, Vic, WA and NT.

### In-House Advisory

Valentina has a wealth of experience in in-house advisory through her role as as Senior Legal Counsel for Laing O'Rourke and UTS.

## Career Highlights

- Legal Counsel for Laing O'Rourke Australia on the Ichthys LNG Project.
- Sole, Senior Construction and Project lawyer for the \$1.2 billion 'UTS Campus Master Plan', including:
  - Preparation and negotiation of the UTS Central Project MC contract (\$260M).
  - Preparation and negotiation of the Frank Gehry designed Dr Chau Chak Wing Building construction contract (\$220M).
  - Preparation and negotiation of the Thomas Street Project MC Contract (\$110M), including advising on strategic procurement.
  - Preparation and negotiation of all consultancy agreements and minor works contracts for the MasterPlan.
  - Managing, negotiating and finalising disputes related to the MasterPlan (including Security of Payment matters).
  - Advising on crane incident at UTS Broadway Building project site, including the NSW Coronial Inquest.
- Preparation and conducting contract training on the UTS Campus Master Plan projects, including consultancy agreements and Security of Payments.
- Preparation and negotiation of the D&C Contract, and related consultancy agreements, for the new UTS & Australian Rugby Union Development Centre at Moore Park (\$70M). Also, assisted in the preparation of related documents e.g. agreement for lease, leases, development licence, SPV/JV corporate structure, lease, development approval, and the facilitation of the NSW Minister of Sport consent.
- Carriage of a \$45 million Supreme Court proceedings on behalf of the developer of the 'Ivy' in the Sydney CBD.
- Carriage of a \$210 million dispute on behalf of a key NSW utility company.
- Preparation of PPP, D&C and O&M contracts for major Australian contractors.

