PUBLIC CONTRACT DISPUTE RESOLUTION



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Introduction

Public Contract Dispute Resolution examines how disagreements arising from government and public sector contracts are prevented, managed, and settled. This Training Course covers dispute clauses, administrative review, mediation, expert determination, arbitration, and court routes. Participants study notice and time bar discipline, evidence building, remedies, and enforcement against public bodies. Furthermore, the programme connects contractual and administrative frameworks through clause labs and case analysis. As a result, delegates leave able to resolve public contract disputes efficiently while protecting both public interest and contractual entitlement.

Public Contract Dispute Resolution Course Objectives

- Identify the sources of disputes in public and government contracts.
- Draft effective dispute resolution and escalation clauses.
- Apply administrative review, protest, and challenge procedures.
- Manage notice requirements and time bar compliance.
- Build contemporaneous evidence files for public contract claims.
- Conduct mediation and negotiation with public bodies.
- Apply expert determination to technical and pricing disputes.
- Manage arbitration and litigation involving public authorities.
- Handle remedies, damages, and enforcement against public bodies.
- Design dispute avoidance systems and contract governance.

Course Methodology

- Interactive workshops using real public contract dispute files.
- Structured dispute clause drafting and analysis labs.
- Notice and claim documentation exercises with time bar simulation.

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- Guided mediation and negotiation role-play sessions.
- Case review of public procurement challenges and court decisions.
- Action planning that converts each session into a workplace commitment.

Who Should Take This Course

- Government legal advisors and contracts counsel.
- Public procurement and contract managers.
- Private sector suppliers contracting with governments.
- Claims specialists and quantity surveyors.
- Arbitrators, mediators, and dispute board members.
- Internal audit, oversight, and anti-corruption staff.
- Consultants and advisors on public projects.

Public Contract Dispute Resolution Course Outlines

Day 1: Dispute Sources and Legal Frameworks

- Common dispute triggers in public contracts.
- Contractual framework, public law duties, and administrative acts.
- Governing law, jurisdiction, and sovereign immunity questions.
- Procurement challenge rules and standstill periods.
- Regulatory oversight and audit scrutiny interfaces.
- Statutory limits and prescription periods.
- Mapping dispute risk across the public contract portfolio.

Day 2: Dispute Clauses and Escalation Design

- Multi-tier dispute resolution clause drafting.
- Escalation procedures and referral sequencing.
- Notice requirements, time bars, and reservation of rights.
- Amicable settlement and negotiation clauses.
- Expert determination clauses for technical and pricing issues.
- Arbitration clauses and institutional rule selection.
- Drafting dispute clauses in public procurement documents.

Day 3: Evidence, Claims, and Entitlement

- Building contemporaneous records and evidence files.
- Obligation registers, correspondence, and notice logs.
- Entitlement analysis under public contract terms.
- Delay, disruption, and quantum fundamentals.
- Public body record retention and disclosure duties.
- Access to information and freedom of information requests.
- Preparing the dispute submission and executive summary.

Day 4: Mediation, Expert Determination, and Boards

- Mediation process and mediator selection with public bodies.
- Authority to settle and approval constraints in government.
- Expert determination procedures and enforceability.
- Dispute boards in long-term public contracts.
- Managing political and reputational dimensions.
- Confidentiality, transparency, and disclosure tensions.
- Recording and implementing settlements properly.

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Day 5: Arbitration, Litigation, and Enforcement

- Arbitration against public authorities and state entities.
- Governing law, seat, and enforcement considerations.
- Administrative court and judicial review routes.
- Remedies: damages, specific performance, and restitution.
- Enforcement against public assets and immunity limits.
- Dispute avoidance systems and contract governance.
- Personal action plan and continuous improvement.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Public Contract Dispute Resolution, participants will have acquired a practical command of dispute clause drafting, administrative review, mediation, expert determination, and enforcement. They will know how to protect entitlement through disciplined notice and evidence, and how to settle disputes with public bodies at the earliest viable stage. In addition, the course prepares delegates to manage arbitration and judicial review involving public authorities. As a result, they return to work ready to resolve public contract disputes with confidence. Gentex Training Center delivers this Training Course with a practical, standards-based approach.

FAQs for the Public Contract Dispute Resolution course

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Q1 What is the "Public Contract Dispute Resolution" course about?

It is a five-day programme that explains how disagreements from government and public sector contracts are prevented and resolved. It covers dispute clauses, administrative review and procurement challenges, notice and time bars, evidence building, mediation, expert determination, arbitration, litigation, and enforcement.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Public Contract Dispute Resolution" course?

Participants gain the ability to draft enforceable dispute clauses, protect contractual entitlement through disciplined notice, and settle disagreements with public bodies early and cost-effectively. They also learn to manage arbitration and judicial review and to enforce outcomes within immunity limits.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Public Contract Dispute Resolution" course?

Public contract dispute clause drafting and escalation design, notice and time bar compliance with claim preparation, mediation and expert determination management, and arbitration, litigation, and enforcement administration.

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Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Public Contract Dispute Resolution" course?

The course covers multi-tier dispute resolution clause drafting, escalation and referral sequencing, notice and time bar regimes, reservation of rights practice, amicable settlement and negotiation clauses, expert determination procedures, dispute board mechanisms, arbitration rules including ICC, LCIA, and DIAC, procurement challenge and standstill procedures, administrative court and judicial review routes, freedom of information and access to information duties, remedies including damages and specific performance, sovereign immunity limits, and contemporaneous record and evidence management standards.

Q5 How is the "Public Contract Dispute Resolution" course applied in real-world practice?

Delegates apply it through dispute clause drafting, notice registers, claim submissions, evidence files, procurement challenge responses, mediation position papers, expert determination referrals, arbitration submissions, judicial review applications, and settlement agreements. They also use it to design dispute avoidance systems and to brief management on dispute exposure.