Webinar Topic: “How the construction industry and the courts have adapted to the “new normal” of virtual meetings, hearings and mediations and how best to make the process work”.

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Key Points:

- Overview of the UK Regulatory Licensing Structure for the Construction Industry or lack of it.
- Briefly Discuss Future Collaboration Efforts with NASCLA and “NASCLA” like associations in the UK Simon Tolson to assist with those future connections NASCLA Educational Webinar in the fall of 2020
- The effect of COVID-19 on the Courts and Hearings
- Best Practices and Tips for virtual hearings and mediations
- Issues of fairness
- Participating in a remote Court hearing
- Factual and Expert evidence
- Enforcement proceedings
- Top tips for advocates and the parties
- What is the arbitral and mediation world doing?
- Will having a virtual hearing impact prospects?
- Confidentiality & security
- Dealing with technical issues
- The future of litigation hearings in July 2020 and beyond
- A Solicitor’s view
- Talk about the “new normal”
- NASCLA State Members do a variety of board hearings monthly and many state agencies are now starting to adapt to the new normal with virtual board meetings. Any guidance/suggestions?

Bio: “Simon is a solicitor with an Honors degree in Law, and he is also a Chartered Arbitrator and Adjudicator.

He has specialized in construction and engineering law and the disputes generated by the industry for most of his professional career after a time spent working on construction sites. With 30 years’ post-qualification experience, Simon is ranked amongst the top construction solicitors in Who’s Who Legal 2016, The Legal 500 UK and the Legal Experts guides. Simon is also classed
in the top league in Chambers UK which deems him to be a widely respected practitioner in the field, both for his legal ability and for his commitment and knowledge of the construction industry as a whole. Comments include that Simon is “extremely good”; “absolutely excellent – such a hard worker and hugely dedicated”, he can be relied upon to be “right on the money” and is “a big hitter”. His peers admire his “brilliant grasp of the technical and the tactical” and his real ability to “lead from the front”, whilst to clients “he is a real gentleman” in domestic adjudication matters. In the 2017 publication, one client says “he’s super-fast, I’ve never seen anyone so quick and efficient”.

Simon is experienced in all main industry contracts such as JCT, NEC, IChemE, ICE, IEE, FIDIC, FCEC and GC/Works as well as numerous bespoke forms.”