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## **Lofty heights? Delay and Disruption in Vertical Projects**

presented by

**Gemma Thomas (Pinsent Masons) and Suzanne Chinner (Aston Consult)**

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Since the dawn of time, mankind has been obsessed with building into the sky - from the tower of Babel to more recent mega rises spanning almost half a mile. Today, most city skylines are adorned with high-rises, which serve as commercial, residential, hotels and mixed-use buildings.

Reaching these lofty heights, however, brings its own risks which need to be navigated if the project is to be successful.

This session will provide insights into the risks associated with vertical projects, specifically the delay and disruption events often associated with these projects.

This session will cover:

- common causes of delay and disruption in vertical construction projects
- some cases where those risks have played out
- insights from a legal and quantum perspective
- what makes a successful claim

This session will be kicked off by **Gemma Thomas**, Senior Associate at Pinsent Masons. Gemma will discuss common causes of delay and disruption in vertical construction projects and how to avoid (or at least minimise) those risks.

This will be followed by **Suzanne Chinner**, Senior Associated Director at Aston Consult, who will share her experience of common issues from a quantum perspective. Suzanne will also cover what makes a successful claim and how these claims can be quantified.

**Chaired by Sep Zarrin**, SoCLA Events Subcommittee.

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**Gemma Thomas – Senior Associate at Pinsent Masons**



Gemma Thomas is a senior associate at Pinsent Masons, a purpose-led professional services business with law at the core. She specialises in advising clients across a broad range of building, infrastructure and energy projects. On a daily basis, Gemma assists clients to navigate difficult issues that arise during the delivery and final account stages of a project as well as in a range of formal dispute resolution processes. She has extensive experience on vertical construction projects including residential and commercial buildings and hospitals. Gemma has been recognised as a 'Construction & Infrastructure Rising Star' by DoYLES Guide for the past two years.

**Suzanne Chinner – Senior Associate Director at Aston Consult**



Suzanne Chinner is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with around 15 years of experience in the construction industry. For the past 9 years, Suzanne has been a consultant involved in claims and expert work on various major projects around the world. As QS, claims consultant and expert witness assistant, Suzanne has worked on various prominent high-rise buildings and understand the issues and complexities related to these projects. Suzanne is passionate about using her experience gained to help avoid disputes, where possible, and to best manage those risks that can't be avoided. Suzanne's experience is complemented by degrees in Quantity Surveying, Construction Law and Business.

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