



## Offshore Engineering Society

**“BUT IT WASN'T MY FAULT!”**

A brief examination of civil legal liability and why it may have nothing to do with “fault”, and the horror stories that can result.

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Institution of Civil Engineers

One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA

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The design and construction of major engineering projects in difficult environments can result in engineering failures with catastrophic consequences. Setting aside the human cost of such tragedies, the size of the investment in such engineering projects often means the promoter of the project will look at all options to recover his considerable capital outlay. Don't think that they won't look to the engineers who designed or built the project for that recovery. Just because you “did everything right” does not mean you won't be found liable.

The talk will focus on the way the law looks at civil liability of designers in particular, and what engineers can do to protect themselves in an increasingly harsh legal environment.

The speaker promises working models, bars of chocolate and toy monsters to illustrate the legal principles discussed.

**Speaker:**

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Philip Barnes graduated from Bristol University with a degree in Civil Engineering, achieved Chartered status, then graduated from London University with a degree in law before he requalified as a solicitor. He holds an MSc in Construction Law and Arbitration. Philip practices in construction law, both contentious and non-contentious, and has experience advising all the stakeholders in a construction project. He is an adjudicator on the ICE and TeCSA panels.

**Booking information:**

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