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In this article for *TDM*, Special Counsel Ronan O'Reilly and Associate Jonathan Cowe examine the force majeure clause and how English courts handle its application concerning sanctions. It clarifies when parties can use sanctions as a force majeure event to excuse future contract performance.

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The piece breaks down typical force majeure clause components, highlights challenges in proving reliance on such clauses, and explores the English court's approach to sanctions and force majeure, including causation tests and obligations to mitigate consequences. Lastly, it examines efforts to address sanctions risk through sanctions compliance clauses.

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