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Date of Birth 29 September 1951
Present Position Sole Practitioner

Construction Activity

Civil Engineering Building Railways Power Generation **Nature of Dispute** Claims, Valuation/Quantum, Delay and Disruption, Legal/Contractual, Technical Audits, Professional Services, **Specialisms** Promoting and defending claims in earthworks, structures, building, air terminals and power generation; Creating, analyzing and validating Extensions of Time programmes; Undertaking technical and commercial audits on construction projects

Contract Experience

ICE 5th, 6th, NEC/ECC, Minor Works (2nd Edition), FCEC/CECA, A.C.E. Conditions 1981 and 1998; FIDIC 4th and FIDIC Design Build Turnkey and Sub-contract and derivatives and ad hoc forms for international projects. JCT80 and 98 with SBCC Scottish Supplements (LA /Private /With /Without Quantities /With Contractors Design Portion), WCD 81, IFC and DOM/1/Scot, GC/Works/1 (Edition 3). MF/1 (and RT18) in connection with railway works as well as ad hoc partnering agreements and in-house conditions.

Dispute Resolution Experience

Arbitrator, adjudicator and construction contract consultant appointed on matters including contract interpretation, measurement and valuation, delay and disruption, loss expense and damages and professional negligence in the United Kingdom and overseas, Appointments from the CIArb Arbitration and Adjudication Panels.

Career History

1971 - 1986 Initially contractor trained as an Engineer on major UK civil engineering projects including roads bridges and dams, progressing to senior management positions on site and widening to include commercial management and pursuing and defending claims.

1986 - Present. Operating as a Sole Practitioner, this career phase has seen a move from purely civil engineering broaden out to include building, the railway industry and power generation plants and to focus on appointments for the resolution of commercial and contractual disputes and problems pre-, during and post- contract as a Construction Contract Consultant, Chartered Arbitrator and Adjudicator. Maximum claim value to date £100M. Parties represented include Employers / Joint Venture Partners / Contractors / Sub-contractors / Consultants and Receivers / Liquidators in the construction industry in the UK and overseas. Legal Jurisdictions include Scots Law, Laws of England and Wales and Northern Ireland, Laws of the Kingdom of Thailand, Laws of the Province of Ontario, Laws of Dubai and of the United Arab Emirates.

Overseas Experience

International experience in Thailand, Hungary, Denmark and United Arab Emirates.

Official Positions Held

Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors, Scottish Committee 1995 - 2006, Chairman 2003 - 2005.
Member of the Adjudication Society and Society of Construction Law.