

**Expert Profile**

**QUALIFICATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS**

- LLM Construction Law, Arbitration & Adjudication
- Incorporated Member of Chartered Institute of Building

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**Previous Expert Appointments**

A small representation of instructions to act as an expert witness in connection with disputes referred to arbitration, adjudication and litigation:

**Litigation: Delay**

Acted for the Respondent as an expert witness for matters of delay arising from the collapse of a tower crane on the construction of a high rise building at Canary Wharf. In a litigation, the Contractor asserted the event delayed the Works by over 20 weeks and used the rate at which structural steel was fixed as a measured mile. Bob showed that this approach was wrong and that crane hours were a better yardstick and the delay was nearer seven weeks. During the course of the litigation the Plaintiff referred the case to adjudication causing a second action. The decision preferred Bob’s evidence and approach.

**Litigation: Delay**

Acted for the Respondent who was the designer for a design build contractor and who in litigation made a claim against the designer’s PI insurance. The claimant contended that late and varied design was the primary cause of delay to the Works - a UK infrastructure project with a large structure over the river TAW. Bob’s expert evidence challenged the integrity of this claim.

**Adjudication: Delay**

Acted for the Respondent (the contractor) in delay to the completion of a large School Academy. The Employer contended the contractor was entitled to no additional time to complete the works. Bob’s expert evidence showed this was wrong.

**DRB: Quantum**

Acted for the claimant in a DRB as quantum expert. The claimant’s case was denied by the Engineer for a substantive period prior to this work. Bob’s report showed that under the contract it was for the Engineer and not the contractor to value change and while he did so he was required to set a provisional rate. Bob’s report showed that any failure was that of the Engineer. The parties settled the dispute amicably.

*Confidentiality prevents our disclosing details of the parties to the above contracts.*

**Professional Profile**

Bob trained as an estimator for a regional building contractor. He later moved into Contract Management and was responsible for the management of all major construction work. He made the transition from contracting to consultancy in 1998. Since then he has specialised in disputes in connection with large International infrastructure contracts. He has performed this work in a wide range of jurisdictions and on a variety of projects that include but is not limited to:

- Large road schemes - worldwide
- Coal fired power station - S Africa
- Airport - Hong Kong
- High Speed rail in Taiwan
- Concrete arch dam - Portugal
- A tunnel - Hong Kong

Many of the above commissions were aimed at a dispute resolution process for which a methodology framed around the available data was designed and presented to the legal advisors for comment and approval. Bob is very experienced in designing such solutions and in presenting the preferred approach to this audience prior to the management and delivery of the work.

Bob has extensive experience in the UK Adjudication process and as part of that dispute resolution mechanism has worked with legal advisors such as Fenwick Elliott; Mayer Brown and Herbert Reed.

Bob has also undertaken training seminars on the FIDIC form of contract and delivered seminars jointly with a leading London Solicitor on the NEC3 target cost form of contract.