

CURRICULUM VITAE



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QUALIFICATIONS

BSc (Hons) Civil and Structural Engineering
(LLM) Master Degree in Construction Law
(MBA) Master Business Administration
RICS Expert Witness Evidence Legal Training

OTHER SKILLS

Adjudication

LANGUAGES

Portuguese, English, French and Spanish

Ana joined Centra Consult in 2014 from an international steel and cladding contractor and has extensive knowledge of complex steel structures. Ana speaks Portuguese, Spanish, English and French and has worked on contract utilizing each of these languages. Ana is a Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer with international experience in the construction industry in Project Management in the UK and overseas on multi-million pound construction projects and has worked as far afield as Morocco where she has been both a construction project manager and provided the commercial lead role on these large projects. Ana's skills, analytical approach and experience allow her to deal with quantum and commercial matters. Ana has experience working in the dispute resolution sector, preparing submissions and reports for adjudication proceedings as well as assisting Advocates and Solicitors in Court cases.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Claim Preparation Experience Includes:

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| Hospital, Dumfries | Preparation of chronology events for to be incorporated in delay analysis report. |
| Petrochemical, Scotland | Preparation of quantum response claim in sums in excess of £31M. |
| Housing Development, London | Preparation of claim connection with extension of time and loss and expense in sums in excess of £5M. |
| Petrochemical, Scotland | Preparation of claim response in connection with mechanical and electrical in sums in excess of £6M. |
| Petrochemical, Scotland | Preparation of claim response in connection with structural steel in sums in excess of £10M. |
| Refurbishment/ Development, Edinburgh | Assist with the preparation of quantum claim for local Contractor in sums in excess of £2M |

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Housing Development, Aberdeen	Assist with the preparation of claim for liability for delays in terms of legitimacy of the events, their possible impact on the completion of the works and entitlement to extensions of time under the contract in connection with structural steel frame and metal decking elements.
The Hydro, Glasgow	Assist with preparation of narratives in quantum in connection with structural steel framework and cladding in sums in excess of GBP £12M in relation to variations under the Contract.
New Street Station, Birmingham	Preparation of quantum claim for subcontractor in sums in excess of £5M.
Power Station Redevelopment, London	Preparation of extension of time and quantum claim for subcontractor under JCT Design and Build Sub-Contract.

Adjudication Experience Includes:

Windfarms Cable Installation, Scotland	Preparation of Adjudications submissions on behalf of the Sub-Contractor for the recovery of sums against Contractor on a FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Electrical and Mechanical Works.
Duct and Cable Installation, Edinburgh	Preparation of Adjudications submissions on behalf of the Sub-Contractor for the recovery of sums against Contractor on a NEC 3 form of Contract.
Student Accommodation, Edinburgh	Represent Main Contractor Assist with preparation of Referral Notice for adjudication on behalf of a Main Contractor in relation to Non-Compliant Items under the Payment Certificate. Coordinate further submissions on behalf of client, attend adjudication hearing and manage further communications with the adjudicator up until conclusion of adjudication.
Petrochemical, Scotland	Assist with the preparation of Adjudications submissions on behalf of the Main Contractor in relation to mechanical and electrical package in sums in excess of £6M.
Petrochemical, Scotland	Assist with the preparation of Adjudications submissions on behalf of the Referring Party in relation to damages in excess of £2M.
Student Accommodation, Glasgow	Represent Main Contractor Assist with preparation of Referral Notice for adjudication on behalf of a Main Contractor in relation to a final account dispute. Coordinate further submissions on behalf of client, attend adjudication hearing and manage further communications with the adjudicator up until conclusion of adjudication.
Windfarm, Scotland	Assist with the preparation of Adjudications submissions on behalf of the Referring Party in relation to outstanding payments and extension of time.
Housing Development, Edinburgh	Assist with the preparation of Adjudications submissions on behalf of the Referring Party relating to payment dispute under the Standard Building Contract in Scotland.
Housing Development, Scotland	Assist with the preparation of Adjudications submissions on behalf of the Referring Party relating to Final Account under the Scottish Building Sub-Contract DOM/2/Scot.
Various	Assist with the preparation of small adjudication submissions relating to payment for sub-contractors.

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Court Action Experience Includes:

Concert Venue, Glasgow Assist Advocates and Solicitors with the preparation of narratives to support client's position on quantum in relation to various disputed variations arising under the Contract.

Contractual Advice / Commercial Management Includes:

Windfarms, Scotland Preparation and comments on Compensation Events and Defects under NEC3 in the sums in excess of £1.5M.

Housing Development, Greenock Technical input structural steel claim. Advise on Contractor's Damage claim. Review matters arising from Application for Payment and Payment Certificate. Comments set out against each individual variations and Loss and Expense claim in connection with structural steel works under Minor Works Building Contract with Contractor's Design.

Petrochemical, Scotland Provision of commercial assistance in relation to large value off shore Gas Plant. Assist with preparation of narratives in support of Contractor's position on quantum in the sums in excess of £171M.

Power Station Site Redevelopment, London Assist advising subcontractor in relation to claim made against extension of time and quantum under the Design and Build Contract.

New Street Station, Birmingham Assist advising subcontractor in relation to claim made against extension of time and quantum under the Standard Building contracts.

Hydro Scheme, Fort William Assist advising contractor in relation to claim made against compensation events NEC3.

Assistance in Preparation of Expert Reports Includes:

Hospital Project, Belfast Assist in preparation of quantum reports in relation to damages claims in connection with rectification works required to hospital project

Flood Prevention Scheme, Inverness Assist in preparation of quantum reports in relation to in relation to compensation event disputes under NEC3 form of contract

Housing Association, Edinburgh Assist in preparation of quantum report in relation to damages claims in relation to alleged failings in the structural design of a building refurbishment project.

Windfarm Project, Scotland Assist in preparation of quantum in relation to disputed final account on windfarm BoP contract

Training Sessions / Seminars Includes:

London Preparation of Seminar and notes to subcontractors "*Introduction to Contracts*"

Kilmarnock Preparation of slides to subcontractors "*The Construction Act, Payment Provisions & Commercial Guidance*"

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2014 - to date

Centra Consult LLP **Consultant**

Joined new practice as consultant. Involved in full company service provision, including in relation to preparation of adjudication documentation; preparation of final account documentation; contractual advice and preparation of claim submissions.

During tenure with Centra Consult LLP obtained a Master Degree in Construction Law, a Master Business Administration and an RICS Expert Witness Evidence Legal Training.

2010 - 2012

Martifer Construction Limited **Commercial Manager**

Site based in Africa and UK. The role involved the full range of commercial management responsibilities of the businesses construction activities. Summary of projects involved with included:

- *Scottish National Arena “The Hydro”, Glasgow, Scotland in sums in excess £20M (5,000tons metallic superstructure, 15,000m2 Roofing and 15,000m2 Cladding).*
- *Renault Factory Tangier Morocco - in sums in excess £43M (13,000tons metallic superstructure, 250,000m2 cladding and 150,000m2 roofing). Client Renault*

2006 - 2010

Seculorum Construcoes Limited **Project Manager**

Involved in all aspects of the projects this included management, coordination and implementation of structural rehabilitation, refurbishment and correction of building pathologies. Overall responsibility for the execution of the scope of works since the design stage to final completion and handover to the client.

Involved in the various stages of the project including tender submission, contract reviews, risk management, cost/value forecasting, commercially leading and managing subcontractors.

Summary of projects involved with included:

- *Estate and Retail Developments*
- *Construction of Luxury Housing*
- *Estates and Execution of Retail Shopping complexes*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer (Ordem dos Engenheiros)

Chartered Civil and Structural Engineer (European Federation of National Engineering Associations)