

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Centra Consult LLP

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MAIN DISCIPLINE Quantity Surveying

OTHER SKILLS Adjudication
 Mediation

A Quantity Surveyor with over 20 years experience within the construction industry and a Masters degree in construction law; experienced in commercial management; the preparation and defence of claims and the preparation and adoption of commercial control systems for contracting organisations as well as a variety of dispute resolution processes. Chris is also on the CIOB and CIC lists of Adjudicators. Prior to working as a consultant Chris acted in senior commercial management roles for contracting organisations engaged in the power and process sector of the construction industry having previously trained and worked with civil engineering contractors.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Adjudication Experience Includes:

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| Student Residences, Glasgow | Represent Responding Party in multiple adjudications in relation to outstanding payments due on two student residence projects in Glasgow under SBCC form of Contract. |
| Embankment Stabilisation project, Devon | Represent Responding Party in adjudication including preparation of papers for submission in adjudication in relation to Compensation Events under NEC3 Option A form of Subcontract. |
| Building Services works, St. Andrews | Appointed as Adjudicator by CIOB on 3 March 2014 in relation to quantum / valuation dispute on building services subcontract. |
| Water Treatment Works, Scotland | Represent Responding Party in adjudication including preparation of papers for submission in adjudication in relation to Compensation Events under NEC3 Option C form of Contract. |
| Council lighting maintenance contracts | Represent Referring Party in adjudication and prepare papers for submission in adjudication in relation to the final account under bespoke form of contract. |
| Large new build private house project | Prepare adjudication papers and represent Contractor in adjudication in relation to the final account under JCT Management Contract. |
| Public Realm works, Glasgow | Prepare adjudication papers and represent Contractor in multiple adjudications in relation to interim and final accounts under SBCC Minor Works Contract. |
| Supermarket Development, Fife | Represent Contractor in adjudication, including preparation of papers, in relation to adjudication commenced by Sub-Contractor under SBCC Subcontract. |
| Residential Development, Dumfries | Prepare adjudication papers and represent Architect in adjudication for recovery of unpaid fees. |
| Combined Heat & Power Projects, England | Management of adjudications on two separate CHP Projects. Involvement included preparation of notices and referral documents; management of adjudication process including liaison with legal representatives. |
| Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Power Station, England | Defended adjudication on behalf of Mechanical Contractor on CCGT Power Station. The defence included preparation of response documents, meetings during moratorium, and liaison with legal representatives. |

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Marine Works, Scotland	Prepared notice of adjudication, referral notice and all documentation in adjudication for Marine Works Contractor. Representation of Contractor in adjudication hearing.
Community College, London	Preparation of multiple notices of adjudication and referral notices in relation to interim accounts on a building development project
Various	Prepared a number of small adjudication submissions for sub-contractors.

Claim Preparation Experience Includes:

Groundworks, A30 Road project	Preparation of submissions for Compensation Events under NEC form of contract for groundwork sub-contractor.
Concrete works at Sports Arena, Glasgow	Preparation of a claim for concrete sub-contractor against main contractor on sports arena project. Represent sub-contractor in negotiations and finalise agreement on the project account.
Jetty Project, Scotland	Preparation of a commercial / claim submissions for Prime Contractor on major Defence Estates Jetty project.
Sutton Bridge Power Station	Preparation of a claim for a mechanical contractor on a new build CCGT Power Station project. The claims were eventually resolved via an Executive Tribunal.
Damhead Creek Power Station	Preparation of a claim for a mechanical contractor on a new build Power Station project. The claims subsequently required to be resolved within USA Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceedings.
Wastewater Treatment Facility, Scotland	Prepared monetary claims for D&C Contractor, for submission to SPV on PPP Wastewater Treatment Facility.
Refurbishment/ Development Edinburgh	Prepared claim submission for local Contractor, then assisted in settlement via Mediation, sums in excess of £2M
HMNB Project Neptune, Faslane	Preparation of monetary claims for Utilities Sub-Sub-Contractor on major building re-development project within Naval Base.

Mediation Experience Includes:

Damhead Creek Power Station, England	Following defence of claims received from scaffolding Sub-contractor by Mechanical Contractor, including in adjudication proceedings, attended Mediation; which resulted in a settlement.
Refurbishment/ Development Edinburgh	Following preparation of claim submission for Contractor; then assisted in settlement via Mediation.
Tunnelling Project, Midlands	Following defence of claims received from Main Contractor on tunnelling project for Quarry Company represented client in Mediation; which resulted in a settlement.

Contractual Advice / Commercial Management Includes:

School project, Darlington	Advise Main Contractor on preparation of variation and claim submissions in relation to final account on Primary School project. Also prepare draft adjudication papers in anticipation of adjudication to resolve account.
Windfarm, Scotland	Contractual and commercial advice on NEC3 project to Groundwork's sub-contractor.
Council Offices, Dundee	Contractual and commercial advice to Main Contractor on £30m council office development in central Dundee.
Spalding Energy Project	Negotiated contract terms on behalf of Mechanical Contractor.

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Blacklaw Windfarm, Scotland	Provided contractual advice to earthworks contractor on major wind farm project. This included negotiation of contract documentation with Main Contractor.
Port of Tilbury, London	Assisted with preparation of final account submission in respect of civil engineering project.
Wastewater Treatment Facility, Scotland	Provided contractual advice on entitlement to time and money to Contractor under D&C Contract on PPP Wastewater Treatment Facility.
Various General	Commercial advice for a variety of small sub-contractors. Setting up, monitoring and maintaining Change Control procedures and systems for major projects including a variety of power related projects.

Expert Reports Includes:

Aberdeen Airport	Preparation of quantum report in relation to a compensation event submission made by Contractor under NEC3 form of Contract.
Dundee car showroom	Preparation of quantum report in relation to a claim brought against PQS and Project Manager by client.
Edinburgh 'common repair' works	Preparation of quantum reports and supplementary quantum reports in relation to adjudication proceedings
PFI Schools Project	Assist in preparation of quantum report in relation to claim against designer on PFI schools project in connection with adjudication proceedings
School Project, North Lanarkshire	Preparation of expert quantum report in relation to a claim against an Engineer, specifically relating to alleged failings in structural steelwork.
Residential Development in Lincoln	Preparation of expert quantum report in relation to delay on a residential development project in Lincoln.
Bridge Abutments at Development in Glasgow	Preparation of expert quantum report for use in adjudication proceedings in relation to a proposed pile remedial scheme to bridge abutments at development project in Glasgow.
Office Development, Edinburgh	Assist in preparation of expert quantum report in relation to alleged losses incurred in carrying out remedial works to major office development in Edinburgh. Assist in preparation of papers for Mediation.
Schools PFI, Aberdeen	Assist in preparation of expert quantum report in relation to alleged losses incurred by D&B Contractor on various school projects under a PFI project. Assist in preparation of responses as necessary in ongoing adjudication.
Apartment Building, Scotland	Expert report in relation to the calculation of liquidated and ascertained damages for delay pursuant to clause 17.1.4 of the Conditions of Contract, being the Scottish Building Contract With Contractor's Design May 1999 Edition (January 2002 Revision) with amendments
Wembley Stadium, London	Assist in preparation of an expert report on delays to the turning of the 'arch' at the new Wembley stadium project. The dispute in relation to this matter was the subject of adjudication.
Office Development, Dundee	Assist in preparation of an expert report on delays during and in completion of a commercial office development in Dundee. The dispute in relation to this matter was the subject of adjudication.

Articles Written:

Risk allocation and unforeseen ground conditions	Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2014.
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Implied terms in construction contracts Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2013.

The interpretation of contracts: The impact of Chartbrook v Persimmon Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2010.

Case Review: William Hare Limited v Shepherd Construction Limited [2010] EWCA Civ 283 Article concerning interpretation of contracts; exclusion clauses; Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996; withholding payment; insolvency; 'Pay when paid' – located on Centra website.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2008 – to date

Centra Consult LLP

Partner

Joined new practice as partner. 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 passed CIOB examinations and panel interview process to become CIOB Panel Adjudicator.

2006 – 2008

Driver Consult Ltd

Senior Consultant

Joined new office opened by Driver Consult. Involved in company service provision, including in relation to preparation of adjudication documentation; preparation of final account documentation; contractual advice and drafting of position statements; preparation of claim submissions; and assisting with representation of client in mediation.

2004 – 2006

Nigel Lowe Consulting Limited

Consultant

Involved in all aspects of the company service provision. This included, on behalf of clients, provision of contractual advice; preparation of claims for payment, as well as defence of claims received; assisting with expert reports; preparation of notices of adjudication and referral notices; representation as adviser in mediation; development of company best practice procedures; and development of company newsletter.

2002 - 2003

Shaw Group UK Limited

Commercial Manager

Responsible for commercial management of the businesses construction activities. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Stoke & Blackburn CHP Projects.
- Liverpool CHP Project.
- Spalding Energy Project.
- Immingham CHP Project.
- Buxton Cement Plant.

1997 – 2002

Thermal Engineering International Limited

Commercial Manager

The role involved the full range of commercial management responsibilities for the Mechanical Services Division. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Damhead Creek Power Station Project.
- North West Water Ltd - Shell Green Sludge Processing Plant.
- Sutton Bridge Power Project.
- Installation of new Waste Heat Boiler at Tate & Lyle production facility,

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Silvertown, London.

- Baldovie Waste to Energy Plant.
- BP Chemicals, Hull - DF Off-Gas Project.

1994 – 1997

Carillion plc (formerly Wimpey Engineering & Construction)

Senior Quantity Surveyor

Summary of projects involved with included:

- RD66/1 Waste Storage Facility – Rosyth.
- M8 Foodpark Enabling Works, Springburn, Glasgow.
- Lesmahagow STW Reconstruction.

1989 – 1994

Edmund Nuttall Limited

Quantity Surveyor

Quantity Surveyor on specific projects. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Whitefriars Relocation Project, Victoria Embankment, London.
- Isle of Grain Container Terminal, Kent.
- East India Dock Link - Stage II, Docklands, London.
- A406 Road Widening - East Finchley, London.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Incorporate member of the Chartered Institute of Building

Member of the Society of Construction Law

CIOB Accredited in Adjudication and on CIOB List of Adjudicators

Registered Adjudicator on Construction Industry Council Register of Adjudicators

OTHER INTERESTS

Family; Reading; Football; Walking; Cinema & Arts; Martial Arts