

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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**Centra Consult LLP**

## **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

A Quantity Surveyor with chartered status through the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Qualifications include a master's degree in Construction Law. Over 38 years of professional and contracting experience has been gained on a wide variety of construction projects across many sectors. This experience includes time working in the dispute resolution sector. Last construction position was with Laing O'Rourke Ltd in the role of Head of Commercial Services for Scottish Water Solutions 2 Ltd with responsibility for the delivery of a £550m programme of projects. Track record of resolving complex disputes avoiding the need for more formal means of dispute resolution. Extensive knowledge of many forms of construction contract, commercial management techniques and the identification, preparation and quantification of variations, prolongation, and disruption claims. Extensive experience preparing quantum reports for adjudication proceedings and as expert witness. Also experience representing and running mediation and adjudication proceedings for clients.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

BSc Building Economics and Quantity Surveying  
Master's Degree in Construction Law  
Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**September 2015 to date**

**Centra Consult LLP – Director**

Provision of a range of construction related and commercial services including contract advice, claims identification/preparation, adjudication, and expert reports.

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**2007 – 2015**

**Laing O'Rourke Construction Ltd – Commercial Leader**

Commercial Lead on several high value complex construction projects including Perth Schools project circa £150m. Head of Commercial for Scottish Water Solutions 2 Ltd with responsibility for the delivery of £550m work programme and a team of 28Nr commercial staff.

**2003 - 2007**

**Nigel Lowe Consulting Ltd – Consultant**

Provision of a range of commercial services including contract advice, claims identification/preparation, adjudication and expert reports and representing clients in adjudication hearings.

**1990 - 2003**

**M J Gleeson Group plc – Commercial Manager**

Commercial Manager providing commercial support services across a range of construction and civil engineering projects covering most sectors including retail, commercial, water, rail, education, and public buildings. Responsible for the commercial and contractual administration of projects.

**1987 - 1990**

**Norwest Holst Ltd – Senior Quantity Surveyor**

Surveyor providing commercial support services across a range of construction and civil engineering projects covering most sectors including retail, commercial, defence and water. Responsible for the commercial and contractual administration of projects.

**1980 - 1987**

**Gardiner & Theobald – Chartered Quantity Surveyor**

Provision of quantity surveying services to a range of clients including, private developers, power companies, public sector organisations, private equity companies and insurance companies.

## **SELECTION OF RELEVANT DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE**

### **For Centra Consult**

**Major Infrastructure Project**

Prepare adjudication referral submission documents for high value compensation events to be referred to adjudication for a decision.  
Collate all necessary supporting documents and evidence.

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<b>Water to Power Plant</b>	Prepare extensive delay claim narrative and identification and description of all delay events. Prepare associated prolongation loss and expense quantum and all supporting documents to evidence costs.
<b>Major Roads Project</b>	Prepare a high value compensation event position statement relating to watermain diversions and delays to completion with associated prolongation costs for referral to adjudication.
<b>Hospital Project</b>	Prepare an expert report regarding the quantum sums being claimed by the employer against the contractor for a mechanical cooling system installation.
<b>Pipeline Project</b>	Prepare payment disputer 'smash and grab' adjudication for contractor and run the adjudication process. Prepare and run a follow-on adjudication concerning the valuation of high value compensation events to resolve the commercial aspects of the account.
<b>Library Project</b>	Prepare payment dispute 'smash and grab' adjudication for contractor and run the adjudication process for the contractor.
<b>Warehouse Facility &amp; Storage Facility</b>	Prepare expert report in relation to consultancy services provided in relation to a negligence claim being pursued against the consultant.
<b>School Building</b>	Prepare extension of time and loss and expense claim submission for contractor and run subsequent adjudication for the contractor.
<b>Road and Slope Stabilisation Project</b>	Prepare expert quantum report for adjudication proceedings between contractor and employer.
<b>City Centre Bar &amp; Restaurant Refurbishment Project</b>	Prepare and run adjudication referral for contractor to substantiate extension of time and loss and expense entitlement.
<b>Major Metro Extension Project</b>	Provide contractual advice to contractor with regards final account and claims requirements and prepare contract statement submission to accompany quantum details.

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<b>City Centre Office Development</b>	Prepare expert quantum report for adjudication proceedings between main contractor and sub-contractor.
<b>NEC3 Contract Training</b>	Provide NEC3 contract training to contractor's project delivery personnel.
<b>Major Motorway, Roads and Structures Project</b>	Prepare design consultant's final account submission for fees due for design services provided to major motorway project to assist solicitor's in establishing quantum issues related to additional service provision.
<b>City Centre Office Development</b>	Prepare contractor's loss and expense quantum sums and vouching for adjudication proceedings.
<b>Remote Distillery Project</b>	Prepare contractor's loss and expense quantum sums and vouching for submission to client in a format that can be used in adjudication.
<b>Civils Contractor Roads Projects</b>	Provide critique of main contract terms and conditions for contractor to highlight the key provisions and risks to allow tender pries and methodology to be prepared and submitted.
<b>Art Gallery Refurbishment Project</b>	Prepare contractor delay issue narratives to support delay analysis for the project to enable adjudication proceedings to proceed.
<b>New Build City Centre Hotel Project</b>	Prepare contractor's loss and expense quantum submission report to enable negotiation of settlement with client.
<b>Hotel Refurbishment project</b>	Prepare expert quantum report for Contractor's work item values and loss and expense for adjudication proceedings.
<b>Large Scale City Centre Housing Development</b>	Prepare and run adjudication referral for Contractor to substantiate extension of time and loss and expense entitlement.
<b>Drilling and Blasting Works on Major Infrastructure project</b>	Analyse and prepare contractor's claim submissions in a format that would allow adjudication referral if required to achieve dispute resolution.
<b>City Centre Office Development</b>	Prepare response to contractor's multi-million pound claims for employer, property developer, organisation. Provide commercial advice

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with regards on-going contractual matters.

- Major Cable Laying Contract** Analyse and prepare contractor's claims submissions for numerous changes and variation matters. Prepare in a format that would allow adjudication referral if required. Draft adjudication notice and referral for key disputed matter. NEC3 contract with most issues resulting from badly drafted Works Information document.
- Concrete Framed Research Facility Building** Analyse and prepare contractor's claims submissions for various compensation events matters. NEC3 contract with Works Information issues.
- Refurbishment of Existing Listed Building** Analyse and prepare contractor's claims relating to a significant number of variations and their valuation. Prepare in a format that would allow referral to adjudication for resolution.
- Refurbishment of High-Rise Community Housing Apartment Blocks** Prepare expert quantum report for employer in response to claims raised by contractor in adjudication proceedings.
- Hotel Refurbishment Project** Prepare expert quantum report for contractor in response to employer claims for damages resulting from defective workmanship and/or defective design issues.
- Residential Apartment Block Project** Prepare contractor's formal claim, notice of adjudication and referral submission for extension of time and prolongation costs. Issue notices and run the adjudication on behalf of the contractor.
- Water Pipeline Project** Prepare expert quantum report in relation to the replacement of a defective pipeline on behalf of a consultant in a professional indemnity insurance claim.
- Harbour Refurbishment Project** Prepare expert quantum report on behalf of a contractor in dispute concerning defective workmanship which is in an adjudication.

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## With Previous Employers

### **Water Related Projects**

Involvement in 6Nr adjudications over a two-year period on water industry projects to settle on-going disputes in relation to variation and prolongation quantum issues.

### **Mill Building Refurbishment as High-Tech Units**

Preparation of adjudication report for the employer outlining the position in relation to prolongation quantum. Representing employer with solicitors at the adjudication hearing.

### **Stadium Project**

Assist in the preparation of expert reports for the Employer in relation variations to the reinforced concrete foundations and structural steelwork packages for a national stadium project.

### **Office Redevelopment**

Representing a consultant in a mediation to resolve a fees dispute.

### **Hotel Projects**

Assist in the preparation of expert reports for the Employer in relation to variation and prolongation issues for 2Nr hotel buildings.

### **Office Redevelopment**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the contractor for a central London office redevelopment.

### **Water Treatment Works**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the contractor for a major water treatment works project.

### **Housing Project**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the contractor for a major housing association project in Edinburgh. Subsequent preparation and representation of the contractor in a mediation to resolve the dispute.

### **Court Extension building**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the contractor for a major court extension project in Edinburgh with specific emphasis on complex reinforced concrete frame construction. Subsequent negotiation and resolution of the dispute with the employer.

### **Concrete Works Project**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the contractor on a new court building with specific emphasis on complex reinforced concrete elements of the construction. Subsequent negotiation and resolution of the dispute with the employer.