## Gavin Fenton BSc MRICS LLM

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. Has extensive experience preparing quantum reports for adjudication proceedings and as expert witness. Also has 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.

2007 – 2015 Laing O'Rourke Construction Ltd – Commercial Leader

Commercial Lead on a number of 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** 

Library Project Prepare payment dispute "smash and grab" adjudication for Contractor and run

the Adjudication process for the Contractor.

Warehouse Facility & Storage

**Facility** 

Prepare expert report in relation to consultancy services provided in relation to

a negligence claim being pursued against the consultant.

**School Building** Prepare extension of time and loss and expense claim submission for

Contractor and run subsequent adjudication for the Contractor.

**Road and Slope Stabilisation** 

**Project** 

Prepare expert quantum report for adjudication proceedings between

Contractor and Employer.

**City Centre Bar & Restaurant** 

Refurbishment Project

Prepare and run adjudication referral for Contractor to substantiate extension

of time and loss and expense entitlement.

**Major Metro Extension Project** 

Provide contractual advice to Contractor with regards Final Account and claims

requirements and prepare contract statement submission to accompany

City Centre Office Development quantum details.

NEC3 Contract Training Prepare expert quantum report for adjudication proceedings between main

contractor and sub-contractor.

Major Motorway, Roads and Structures Project	Provide NEC3 contract training to Contractor's project delivery personnel.
City Centre Office Development	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.
Remote Distillery Project	Prepare Contractor's loss and expense quantum sums and vouching for adjudication proceedings.
Civils Contractor Roads Projects	Prepare Contractor's loss and expense quantum sums and vouching for submission to client in a format that can be used in adjudication.
Art Gallery Refurbishment Project	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.
New Build City Centre Hotel Project	Prepare Contractor delay issue narratives to support Delay Analysis for the project to enable adjudication proceedings to proceed.
Hotel Refurbishment project	Prepare Contractor's loss and expense quantum submission report to enable negotiation of settlement with client.
Large Scale City Centre Housing Development	Prepare expert quantum report for Contractor's work item values and loss and expense for adjudication proceedings.
Drilling and Blasting Works on Major Infrastructure project	Prepare and run adjudication referral for Contractor to substantiate extension of time and loss and expense entitlement.
	Analyse and prepare contractor's claim submissions in a format that would allow adjudication referral if required to achieve dispute resolution.
City centre office development	Prepare response to contractor's multi-million-pound claims for employer, property developer, organisation. Provide commercial advice with regards ongoing 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
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	Preparation of adjudication report for Employer outlining the position in relation
High Tech Units	to variations and quantum. Representing Employer with solicitors at the adjudication hearing.
	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 dispute about fees.

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.