

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date of Birth: 2 October 1958

OVERVIEW

Robert is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Arbitrator and Barrister, and is also counted amongst the leading arbitrators and adjudicators in the UK. He has over 30 years' experience of the construction industry with particular emphasis on dispute resolution. After 12 years as a quantity surveyor Robert entered the Bar dealing with civil and construction law issues and started to undertake arbitration and adjudication disputes as client's representative, arbitrator and adjudicator. Between 2005 and 2011 Robert practised as a solicitor specialising in construction disputes and dispute resolution. He has now returned the full time Bar specialising in all aspects of the construction industry and continues to represent parties as well as undertaking appointments as arbitrator, adjudicator, mediator and dispute board member.

Memberships includes Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Chartered Institute of Building, Bar of England and Wales, New York State Bar, American Bar Association, London Court of International Arbitration, Dubai International Arbitration Centre, Society of Construction Law, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, Dispute Board Federation, The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, Adjudication Panel Member of TeCSA, RICS, CIArb, CIC, AICA and CEDR and Accredited Mediator of CEDR, CIArb and RICS. Robert is also a panel member of the Council of the Inns of Court Disciplinary Board.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Queen Mary - University of London

Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration
gained December 2003

University of Westminster

BSc Quantity Surveying, gained June 1984
LLB (Hons), gained July 1989

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Professional Associate, elected 1987

Fellow, elected 2001

Panel of Adjudicators, 2000

Accredited Mediator, 2009

Panel of Mediators, 2011

Dispute Board Register, 2012

The Council of Legal Education – The Inns of Court School of Law

Vocational Training for the Bar, gained July 1990

The Honourable Society of Middle Temple

Called to the Bar 1990

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Associate, elected 1994

Fellow, elected 2001

Chartered Arbitrator, 2008

Panel of Adjudicators, 2000

Panel of Arbitrators, 2008

Accredited Mediator, 2010

New York State Board of Bar Examiners

Bar Examinations, gained July 1997

New York State Bar (USA)

Attorney, called to the Bar 1998

The Construction Industry Council

Panel of Adjudicators, 2003

The Law Society

Admitted to the Role of Solicitors 2004

Chartered Institute of Builders

Incorporated Member, elected 2004

Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce

Fellow, elected 2005

Dispute Resolution Board Foundation

Dispute Board Training – May 2005

Individual Member, 2005

Association of Independent Construction Adjudicators

Panel of Adjudicators, 2006

Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution

CEDR Accredited Mediator, 2008

CEDR Panel of Adjudicators, 2008

Dispute Board Federation

Professional Membership, 2009

Dubai International Arbitration Centre

Panel of Arbitrators, 2011

London Court of International Arbitration

Member, 2011

List of Arbitrators, 2011

Technology and Construction Solicitors Association

Panel of Adjudicators, 2012

Federation Internationale des Ingenieurs-Conseils International (FIDIC)

Assessment for President's List of approved Dispute Adjudicators, 2012

WORK EXPERIENCE - PROFESSIONAL

- 1978 - 1981 **MCBAINS** Quantity Surveyors, London
General quantity surveying duties.
- 1984 - 1986 **SILK & FRAZIER** Chartered Quantity Surveyors, London
Working as assistant to an Associate Partner. Work involved detailed measurement, estimates, negotiating variation and final accounts. On site measurement and valuation.
- 1986 - 1988 **WEBB & TAPLEY** Chartered Quantity Surveyors, London
Assistant quantity surveyor progressing to senior quantity surveyor reporting to Partners and Associate Partners. Providing both pre and post contract services including new build, renovation and refurbishment projects. The work also involved working with and training junior quantity surveyors.

- 1988 - 1990 **JAMES R KNOWLES**, London
Appointed as a senior consultant dealing with all aspects of dispute resolution, construction contract advice and the organisation of contractual administration. Advising on and compilation of financial claims along with extension of time entitlement for both sub-contractors and main contractors. Preparation of and assisting Counsel in the running of Arbitrations.
- 1990 - 1991 **KEATING CHAMBERS**, 10 Essex Street, London WC2A 3AA
Construction, Landlord & Tenant, Professional Negligence and Contract Law, including litigation and arbitration whilst under pupillage to Mr V A Ramsey QC.
- 1991 - 1993 **CHAMBERS OF DONALD GORDON**, 3 Temple Gardens, London EC4Y 9AU
Litigation and arbitration work. Areas included Construction, Planning, Professional Negligence, Contract, Landlord & Tenant, Personal Injury, Commercial and Criminal Law.
- 1993 - 2000 **CHAMBERS OF GEOFFREY HAWKER**, 46/48 Essex Street, London WC2R 3GH
Advocacy, drafting, negotiation, and advice for litigation and arbitration work. Areas include, inter alia, Construction, Planning, Professional Negligence, Contract and Landlord & Tenant.
- 2001 - 2004 **ALWAY ASSOCIATES**, 3 West Bar, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9SD
Director with responsibility for legal services. Providing representation, including advocacy, in conjunction with Arbitration and Adjudication. Legal advice, litigation support, claims support and training. Adjudicator and Arbitrator.
- 2004 - 2006 **WRIGHT HASSALL SOLICITORS**, 9 Clarendon Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5QP
Partner. Joint Head of Construction Department.
- 2006 to 2011 **SWL DISPUTE RESOLUTION**, Aston Court, Frederick Place, Loudwater, Bucks HP11 1LA
Principle. Adjudication, Arbitration, Mediation, Dispute Resolution Boards, Litigation and Advocacy.
- 2011 to date **SWL CHAMBERS**, Central Court, 25 Southampton Buildings, London WC2A 1AL
Barrister. All aspects of dispute resolution undertaken including Adjudication, Arbitration, Mediation, Dispute Resolution Boards, Litigation and Advocacy. Provision of advice and training to construction and related industries. Accepts appointments as Adjudicator, Arbitrator, Mediator and Dispute Board Member.
- 2006 to date **Committee Member of Thames Valley Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators**
- 2009 - 2012 **Chairman Thames Valley Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators**

- 2011 to date **Committee Member of Construction ARBRIX**
- 2012 to date **Member of Nominations Committee for the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators**
- 2013 to date **Member of the Inns of Court Disciplinary Panel**

Experience in the following contracts:

JCT, ICE, NEC, GC Works, PPC 2000, ACA, ACE, IET (MF) & FIDIC
Bespoke contracts for main contract works, sub-contract works and consultants
Framework Agreements
Partnering Contracts

Arbitration Experience

Appointments from the RICS, Law Society and privately covering a range of issue from construction to property and contract in both the domestic and international arenas. Robert undertakes disputes involving professional negligence, delay analysis, costs, defects, interpretation of contracts, repudiation and all other aspects of contract in the areas of building, civil engineering, mechanical & electrical and process engineering.

Adjudication Experience:

Over 250 appointments from the RICS, CIArb, CIC, AICA, CEDR and privately. Disputes cover all aspects of construction including professional negligence, delay analysis, costs, defects, interpretation of contracts, repudiation and all other aspects of contract in the areas of building, civil engineering, mechanical & electrical and process engineering.

Mediation Experience:

Robert has acted as party representative as well as Mediator in a wide range of issues including construction, professional negligence, contract, development agreements and landlord & tenant.

Dispute Boards

Robert is qualified and trained as a dispute board member and has a thorough knowledge of the FIDIC and ICC provisions. He is a professional member of the Dispute Board Federation and the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation. Robert able to undertake dispute board appointments throughout the world in the areas of construction, engineering and process engineering.