

Curriculum Vitae

Professional Qualifications

Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Panels, Committees and Other Professional Memberships

Member of Panel of Arbitrators of CI Arb, RICS, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA and DIAC
Member of Panel of Adjudicators of AICA, CI Arb, RICS, CEDR and CIC
Past Chairman, Northwest Branch, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Past Member of Council, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Past Chairman, Southern Branch, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Practising Member of Turner Arbitration Chambers
Member of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
Deputy Chairman, Northwest Branch, Arbitration Club
Member of the Arbrix Club
Member of the Society of Construction Law



Experience

Summary

Chartered quantity surveyor and chartered arbitrator providing professional services as arbitrator, adjudicator, mediator, expert and party adviser.

Involvement in more than 330 disputes including 174 personal appointments (99 as adjudicator, 43 as arbitrator, 5 as independent expert, 25 as expert witness).

Visiting lecturer and examiner for arbitration modules on MSc Course in Construction Law at Leeds Metropolitan University.

1998 - 2010 Personal appointments as arbitrator, adjudicator, independent expert and expert witness in construction disputes.

1985 - 2009 Construction contract consultancy services including advising and acting on behalf of main contractors, sub-contractors and employers on contractual problems and disputes; preparation and vetting of contract documents; lecturing on building contract conditions and allied subjects; acting as expert witness.

James R Knowles 1985-1988; sole principal in private practice 1988-1998; director of Pye Consulting Group 1998-2000; associate director of Mouchel Consulting 2000-2001; director of Blake Newport 2002 to 2006; director of Kevin P Hayes since October 2006.

1969 - 1985 Quantity surveying positions in private practice, local authority and with building contractors, culminating in the position of managing surveyor and surveying director for a medium sized contractor.

Types of work and contracts

Building and civil engineering works in the private and public sectors; contract values to and in excess of £100 million, but predominantly in the range of £50,000 to £10 million. Conversant with all forms in the JCT suite of contracts, ICE Conditions of Contract, FIDIC, GC/Works/1, I.Chem.E, NEC/ECC and related standard forms of sub-contract or works contract.

Subject matter of disputes has typically included value of work carried out (including valuation of variations and direct loss and expense claims), extensions of time, interpretation of contract provisions, defective work, determination of contract, set-off.

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