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BRIEF SUMMARY

Leigh is a highly experienced Commercial Director, Engineer, Adjudicator and Expert Witness specialising in both construction and process, mechanical, electrical and controls work. This experience is across a range of industries including building construction, luxury residences and hotels, water and wastewater, pharmaceutical, petrochemical, food and beverage, aviation, waste to energy and power generation.

He has acted an Expert Witness in court and adjudication proceedings, instructed by solicitors and private companies. He is an Adjudicator with the Institute of Chemical Engineers nominating body and an Arbitrator on the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators business dispute nominating body.

Leigh has worked extensively in the UK, USA, Saudi Arabia and Europe.

SPECIALISATIONS

- Expert in quantum of mechanical, electrical and process works.
- Expert in quantum of construction disputes and claims.
- Expert in contractual disputes including extensions of time.
- Expert in technical engineering disputes.
- Experienced Chemical Engineer.
- Adjudications, both as sitting Adjudicator or party representative.
- Assessment and resolution of complex and difficult final accounts.
- Expert in quantum of defective works.
- Procurement of highly technical projects and specialist technologies.

HIGHLIGHTS AND RECENT EXPERIENCE

- Commercial Director for Joint Venture projects of over £500m.
- Commercial Director for a £120m/year portfolio of construction projects.
- Experience in over 70 adjudications and arbitrations.
- Procurement of £800m+ of capital spend in the waste and water industries.
- Experienced Senior Manager, Commercial Director and Board Director.
- Managed procurement of circa £1bn of capital spend.
- Significant experience in the conduct of claims up to £30m in value.
- Set up and management of Joint Ventures and Consortia.
- Expert for a procurement dispute at a new hospital development.
- Expert for an extension of time / loss and expense claim – luxury hotel.
- Expert for a variation account claim – luxury hotel.
- Expert for a £3m delay and disruption dispute at a university campus.
- Preparation of a £10m claim for prolongation at a retirement village.

EXPERT AND CONSULTANCY ROLES

Leigh has been instructed on a number of disputes, a selection of which includes:

- PFI Hospital, Liverpool – Expert to assess procurement issues on a site-wide IT system.
- Retirement village, Hampshire – Preparation of a £10m + claim for extension of time and disruption, including novation issues.
- London School of Economics – Expert in an adjudication to assess costs of defects rectification.
- Luxury hotel, Westminster, London – Expert to assess extensions of time and £8m loss and expense for a contractor in liquidation.
- Hotel development, O2, London – Expert to assess a contractor’s £2m variation claim.
- Office redevelopment, Hammersmith, London – Contractual advice re a £6m reduction in a contractor’s scope of works.
- Wastewater treatment works, London – Expert in the assessment of defects rectification costs in serial adjudications.
- Office block conversion, Maidenhead – Preparation of claims for extensions of time and loss and expense and party advocate for multiple adjudications.
- Waste to energy site – Preparation of a £25m final account and multiple highly technical claims and adjudications.
- Consultant in relation to procurement of a fit-out works for a luxury apartment in Mayfair.
- Wastewater treatment works – preparation of claims up to £30m for delays and disruption.
- Office block conversion, Berkshire – preparation of settlement agreements following multiple adjudications.
- Pharmaceutical factory, Milton Keynes – preparation of an extension of time claim and £7m final account.
- Major residential development at Elephant & Castle, London – Advisory report into a £3m claim from a contractor.
- Heathrow airport – advisory report into contractual issues on a £20m runway project.
- Gatwick airport – a £5m final account settlement for a water attenuation project.
- Heathrow airport – advisory report into the contractual implications of HVAC upgrades.
- Major office conversion, City of London – Advisory report re liabilities for building risks.
- Private hospital conversion, London – Advisory report into contractual issues in £15m project commenced on a letter of intent.
- Luxury development, Knightsbridge, London – Advisory Report into contractual issues re design liability and warranties and multiple levels of collateral warranties and guarantees.
- Representation of a contractor in a £3m adjudication for a petrochemical plant.

EXPERIENCE OF CONTRACTS

Leigh has extensive experience and knowledge of the following contracts:

- All JCT standard forms (including contracts and sub-contracts).
- The Engineering and Construction Contract NEC 2, NEC 3 and NEC 4.
- IChemE Model Conditions of Contract.
- GC Works Contracts and Sub-Contracts.
- FIDIC.
- PFI forms of contract.
- Various bespoke conditions of contract.
- Collateral Warranties, Bonds and Consultant agreements.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Adjudicator on the Institute of Chemical Engineers nominating body.
- Arbitrator on the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators nominating body.
- Investigator with the Chartered Institute of Building’s Professional Conduct Secretariat.
- Chartership Assessor with the Chartered Institute of Building’s Professional Review Secretariat.

- Fellowship Assessor with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Master of Engineering in Chemical Engineering, First Class with distinction (**MEng (Hons)**).
- Chartered Chemical Engineer with the UK Engineering Council (**CEng**).
- Chartered Engineer with European Federation of National Engineering Associations (**EurIng**).
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (**FCI Arb**).
- Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (**FRICS**).
- Fellow of the Institute of Chemical Engineers (**FIChemE**).
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building (**FCIOB**).
- Fellow of Prime Dispute (**FPD**).
- Postgraduate Diploma in Adjudication Law (**DipAdj**).
- Postgraduate Diploma in International Arbitration Law (**DipIntArb**).
- Advanced Professional Award in Expert Witness Evidence (**APAEWE**).
- Associate of the Academy of Experts (**AMAE**).
- Chartered Construction Manager (Chartered Institute of Building).
- Member - RICS Accredited Expert Witness.
- Member of the Society of Construction Law.
- Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
- Advanced Certificate in Adjudication Law.
- Advanced Certificate in UK Arbitration Law.
- Advanced Certificate in International Arbitration Law.
- Alumni of Henley Business School – Executive Leadership.

CAREER SUMMARY

June 2015 to Present	Somerset Consult – Director
June 2014 - June 2015	Imtech UK – Commercial Director, and Joint Venture (Imtech and Laing O’Rourke) – Commercial Director
Feb 2014 - June 2014	Imtech Airports – Business Leader and General Manager
Sept 2013 - Feb 2014	Imtech Airports – Commercial Director
2010 - 2013	Imtech Process Ltd – Head of Commercials, UK
2005 - 2010	Imtech Process Ltd – Senior Commercial Manager
2001 - 2005	MEICA Process Ltd – Senior Tendering Manager
2001	Chemical Engineer: Thames Water Products Ltd (PCI Membranes)
1999 - 2001	Chemical Engineer: Thames Water
1996 - 1999	Chemical Engineer: Memtech UK Ltd (Specialist contractor)

OTHER INFORMATION

Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators.

Computer Skills – Extensive skills in Excel, Word, Access, Project.

Extensive experience in project planning and scheduling, including delay analysis.

Mentor and councillor for quantity surveyors undertaking the RICS Assessment of Professional Competence.

REFERENCES

These can be provided on request.
