

Curriculum Vitae

Jim Bourke

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Group MD**Professional Profile**

Jim has over 30 years experience in the construction and civil engineering industries. Having trained as a Quantity Surveyor with one of the UK's major construction companies he then moved into the consultancy field, where he has remained since. During this time Jim has held Board Level Director positions with a 200 strong international construction consultancy, before joining DGA as their Managing Director.

Through Jim's consultancy experience he has worked with many national and international construction companies and clients, helping them resolve issues with projects from conception through to Final Account negotiation, whether that be through the normal contractual process or subsequent adjudication, arbitration, mediation or litigation proceedings.

Covering all sectors of the construction industry Jim has commercially managed multi million pound contracts and additionally prepared and negotiated the settlement of extension of time and loss & expense / additional cost claims.

SPECIFIC SECTOR EXPERIENCE**Commercial Developments**

- Southwark Bridge Rd
- Architects Office Fit-out – South London
- Various Fast Track Office Refurbishments – Central London

Core Skills

Commercial Management
Final Account Settlement
Claims Management
Independent Reports

Sector Experience

Commercial Developments
Energy
Hotels & Leisure Facilities
Industrial
Railways
Residential
Retail
Roads & Bridges

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Energy

- Isle of Grain Power Station, Kent

Hotels & Leisure Facilities

- Hempel Hotel – Central London
- Kensington Palace Hotel – Central London

Hospitals & Healthcare

- Moorfields Eye Hospital – Central London
- Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust

Industrial

- Soft Drinks Factory – Southern Ireland
- Distribution Centre – West London

Railways

- Tilbury Loop Stations

Residential

- High End Residential Development - Surrey
- Penthouse - Central London
- Luxury Block of Flats – Central London
- Housing Estate Refurbishment – West London & Sheffield
- Young Offenders Home – West London

Retail

- Oxo Tower Restaurant – Central London

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Roads, Bridges Civil Engineering

- London Orbital M25 Motorway
- Herne Bay Sea Defence
- MI Lane Rental – London
- River Mole Diversion – Surrey

RECENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2008 – Present

DGA Group

Group MD

- Managing Director of a commercial and planning consultancy which provides specialist services to both end user clients and contractors, across all sectors of the construction industry. Jim provides contractual advice on commercial issues including expert reports for use in formal proceedings.

1992 – 2008

Schofield Lothian Ltd

Operations Director

- Operations Director for a 200 strong international construction consultancy with an annual fee turnover of £14m, providing commercial, project management, planning and environmental advice.
- Subsequent to this he became involved in advisory roles and dispute management for a number of key clients. This included contract audits, due diligence exercises, preparation and negotiation of extension of time and loss & expense / additional costs claims. All sectors of the industry were covered in this respect from fit-out contacts, 5* hotels, and residential / retail properties to major civil engineering infrastructure projects.
- During this period Jim's also managed Schofield Lothian's specialist dispute team, providing extended advice to Clients over and above that being provided by the Consultant directly engaged. This included projects based in the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

1987 - 1992

Schumann Smith Ltd (Aecom)

Senior Quantity Surveyor

Jim joined this consultancy shortly after it was established and assisted the two partners in building the business, through providing commercial consultancy services on a variety of construction projects, mainly in the building sector. This included cost planning, b of q preparation, procurement, post contract commercial management and final account / claims preparation and negotiation.

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1985 – 1987

R M Schofield & Partners

Quantity Surveyor

- This was Jim's first experience of consultancy, where he joined a practice of twelve commercial staff providing secondment and consultancy services to contractors and sub-contractors in all sectors of the construction industry. His main involvement was in relation to heavy civil engineering projects including a sea defence project, flood defence / river diversion project and construction of two sections of the M25 orbital motorway around London.

1979 – 1985

Fairclough Building Ltd (AMEC)

Training Quantity Surveyor

- This was Jim's first post in construction, joining a major UK contractor straight from school and being inducted into their formal quantity surveying training scheme. As part of this training scheme, Jim spent extended periods of time working in their cost and bonus, site engineering, estimating and planning departments, in addition to the extensive site exposure to quantity surveying on a variety of building sectors projects.