

Mark Lucas

Regional Chair of RICS West Midlands (2023 to date)
 Past Vice Chair of RICS West Midlands (2022 to 2023)
 Board Member of RICS West Midlands (2019 to date)
 RICS Accredited Quantum Expert
 Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
 Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

MSc Quantity Surveying

Cardiff University School of Law and Politics – certified Expert Witness (Civil)
 Including report writing, evidence and cross-examination

BTEC Level 07 – Forensic delay analysis in construction.

Director – Project Risk Advisory

Professional Profile

Approaching 40 years’ experience in all sectors of the built environment both in the UK and international arena. High level experience and specialist skills in Commercial and Contractual Management, Dispute Avoidance Resolution and Management, Arbitration, Adjudication and Mediation. Proven track record as Expert Witness, testifying in person in the TCC and before other tribunals. Cross-examined.

Established Key Client Manager with over 35 years’ experience at Partner/Director level providing successful project delivery including strategic procurement, risk evaluation, contract administration, cost consultancy, commercial management, and value engineering.

Current UK head of project risk advisory at DGA, delivering project risk and value management services to key financial stakeholders, and Equity providers within the Banking & Finance sector. Also experienced in project turnaround and at a corporate level

Core Skills

Claims Management
 Commercial Management
 Contractual Advice
 Contract Administration
 Expert Witness
 Procurement Strategies
 Project Management
 Risk Management

Sector Experience

Commercial Developments
 Process Engineering
 Residential
 Retail
 Roads & Bridges

Curriculum Vitae

strategic and contractual advice on construction related insolvency matters.

International experience includes a 2 year posting in Riyadh advising the Saudi Public Pensions Agency on Change and Claim Management issues on the King Abdullah Financial District mega project.

SPECIFIC SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Commercial Developments

- Tenant Representative during leasehold acquisition of a 70,000 sq ft new build logistics and distribution centre in the East Midlands. Tenant was a US distributor of health supplements. Services included monitoring of base -build; liaison with legal team on contract matters; procurement and delivery of fit-out works.
- Appointed to give Expert opinion on the practical completion status of a major office renovation and refurbishment project in central London.
- On-site Commission Manager for the Change and Claim Management services provided to the Employer and Key Stakeholder on the 20 billion USD King Abdullah Financial District project in Riyadh. Responsible for service delivery; outputs and internal reporting to Regional Group Management.
- Worcester City Centre regeneration scheme; UK; £75m. Lead pre-construction Cost Consultant comprising residential; retail; commercial; care; car park and leisure facilities together with highway and infrastructure improvements.
- Contract administration for major German storage and logistics business for fast track office and warehouse extension works including category B fit-out of its operational centre in Manchester.

Process Engineering

- Seconded to the Project Recoveries Team at Mohamed Al Mojil Group [MMG] a Tadawul listed EPC contractor based in Eastern Province, Saudi Arabia. Service delivery included high level strategic and contractual support services on a portfolio of live and legacy oil and gas projects with a combined value in excess of SAR 2 billion. Reporting directly to the Head of Project Recoveries, Senior Management and CEO, the role included advice on contract procedures and administration; dispute management and resolution; matters of quantum; and all-round commercial practice. Discreet support services were also provided to the Company's in-house Counsel and Legal team. Projects included;
 - IBN-RUSHD; PET Conversion & De-bottlenecking, Yanbu, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Contract Value: 165 million (SAR).
 - Conducted a comprehensive contract review and analysis preparing a composite briefing paper and position statement for Senior Company Executives, in-house Counsel and external Solicitors on; contract interpretation; valuation and measurement; the merits/risks of Arbitration.
 - Ras Az Zawr Aluminium Smelter Project, Eastern Province, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Contract Value: 275 million (SAR) Conducted a comprehensive contract review and analysis preparing a series of briefing papers and positions statements for Senior Company Executives on issues of Quantum; Termination; Liquidated Damages; Back-Charges and Counter-claims; Assisted in-house and external legal counsel in the case preparation for Mediation.

Residential

- Key Client Manager for a specialist residential development financier. Portfolio services include initial audit report on project risk; monthly assessment of progress in relation to time and money; discharge of statutory obligations and continuing project risk assessment.

Curriculum Vitae

- KAPSARC (King Abdullah Petroleum Studies & Research Centre); 200 executive dwelling residential development and infrastructure works, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Contract Value: £83 million (GBP). Engaged by EPC Contractors in-house Project Team Leader to develop and implement a strategic plan for ascertainment of the Company's entitlement in relation to the value of work undertaken and its case for an Extension of Time and recovery of loss and additional expense. Complex contractual agreement; amended on 5 (five) separate occasions involving continuing de-scope and re-scope of the original works.
- "High-rise" urban regeneration scheme; London; UK £130 million (GBP) Lead Consultant in a value engineering and value management study of a major residential; leisure and commercial high-rise regeneration scheme in North London. Engaged by Key Stakeholders with responsibility for the effective co-ordination and control of technical and commercial workshops together with the structured delivery of output necessary to meet Client objectives.
- Single Party Expert for the Claimant (Litigation); Quantum dispute on residential development of historic landmark Listed building in Chelsea, London. Written and oral testimony given to CTC (Construction & Technology Court) London
- Single Party Expert for the Respondent (Arbitration); Construction cost dispute relating to residential land value. Written testimony only.
- Expert appointment by local authority to opine on the performance of a contract administrator in granting extensions of time on a £13 million conversion; repurpose and renovation of sheltered housing accommodation.

Roads & Bridges

- Lead Commercial & Quantum Consultant; Advised a Tier 1 Contractor in pursuit of financial entitlement for a major Compensation Event (NEC 3) in the construction of an off-shore Jetty Bridge and Head.
- Single Party Expert for the Claimant (Arbitration); Civil Engineering works quantum dispute surrounding motorway communications upgrade. Provided written and oral testimony.

Retail

Curriculum Vitae

- Commercial Director. Interim role for a global construction consultancy providing contract and commercial management services to Al Khozama Management Company on the refurbishment and upgrade of the Al Faisaliah Centre in Riyadh. 300 million USD.
- UK Midlands Regional Key Client Manager for Intu Retail Services. Commissions included; Contract and Commercial Management services on major CAPEX projects; Built-Asset Management Surveys and Preventative Maintenance projects across some of its 19 shopping centres throughout the UK including compilation of a 25-year planned maintenance programme for each Centre.
- UK Midlands Regional Client Representative for Amazon in procurement, renovation, refurbishment, conversion and extension of two key distribution centres with a combined floor area extending to over 200,000 square metres. Key challenge; “live environment”

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Nov 2020 - present

DGA Group

Director – Project Risk Advisory

- Re-joined the UK Dispute Advisory team of DGA with specific responsibility for project risk advisory services throughout the West Midlands and South West region. Also active in general business development, management and delivery of services for the wider UK operation.

2020 – 2020

Quantex Consulting

Director

- Appointed as a member of the regional executive management team to participate in business development and service delivery as part of a planned succession strategy and transfer of shareholding.

2017 – 2020

DGA Group

Associate Director

- Part of UK Management team responsible for the operational management and service delivery in the West Midlands.

2015 – 2017

EC Harris (Saudi Arabia)

Regional Head of Contract Solutions

- Appointed Deputy Commission Manager on the KAFD Project before becoming Commission Manger and latterly Regional Head of Contract Solutions. Responsible for service management; delivery and performance on a number of key projects in Riyadh.

2012 – 2015

Henry Riley LLP

Partner

- Partner; Birmingham office. Responsible for cost and revenue management; business development; service delivery; staff performance and training.

2003 – 2012

Lucas Wilkes Ltd

- Founder; Major Shareholder and Managing Director of a business dedicated to Funder Due Diligence; Project Audit

Curriculum Vitae

Founder / Owner

and Monitoring services for Investors and Equity Stakeholders across all sectors of the built environment

1997 – 2003

Francis Graves Limited

Director Professional Services

- Founder and Director of Professional Services division, responsible for all aspects of performance and service delivery both from an internal and external perspective.

1990 – 1997

Grimley JR Eve

Senior Consultant

- Senior Consultant within the Building Consultancy Division. Responsible for Client service delivery in such areas as Construction insolvency; Claims & Disputes; strategic Commercial Management