

Jim Bourke

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Quantum Expert & Group MD

Professional Profile

Jim has over 40 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, as well as being appointed to prepare Independent Expert Quantum reports for use in formal proceedings..

Core Skills

Commercial Management
Final Account Settlement
Claims Management
Independent Reports
Mediation

Sector Experience

Energy
Port & Marine Works
Industrial
Roads & Bridges
Hospitals & Healthcare
Commercial Developments
Hotels & Leisure Facilities
Residential
Retail

SPECIFIC SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Energy

- Appointed as Party Representative to prepare, submit and negotiate delay and disruption claims on the CCGT Isle of Grain Power Station, Kent.

Curriculum Vitae

Port & Marine Works

- Appointed as Quantum Expert to act in formal adjudication proceedings on a Pier Extension dispute to an existing major harbour in Kent.

Industrial

- Appointed as Party Representative in Adjudication proceedings on a major distribution center scheme to defend referrals from a groundworks subcontractor in South West UK.

Roads, Bridges Civil Engineering

- Acting as party representative in preparing, submitting and negotiating extension of time and additional costs claims on a major motorway scheme – North London.

Railways

- Appointed as Party Representative to prepare, submit and negotiate extension of time and additional cost claims on a multiple rail station enhancement project in Essex.

Commercial Developments

- Jointly appointed by the parties as Independent Mediator to produce a bespoke Expert Determination report / recommendation, in respect of delays and associated quantum on the fit-out of a new London based Royal Academy headquarters.
- Acting as Party Representative to act on matters of delay, disruption and additional cost in respect of an Architectural practice's office fit-out in South London.
- Acting as Party Representative providing contractual advice on various Fast Track Office Refurbishments in Central London.

Hotels & Leisure Facilities

- Appointed as Party Representative to defend the MEP subcontractors claims and prepare a counter claim on a high-end central London restaurant.
- Appointed as Party Representative to prepare, submit and negotiate extension of time and additional cost claims on a luxury hotel in Central London.

Curriculum Vitae

- Appointed as Party Representative to prepare an independent review of the main contractors claim submissions on a luxury hotel in Abu Dhabi.

Hospitals & Healthcare

- Appointed as Independent Expert to prepare a latent defect claim relating to the construction of a new day centre unit for the Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust.

Residential

- Appointed as a Quantum Expert to provide an independent review of the MEP subcontractors account on a landmark high-end, high rise residential refurbishment scheme in Central London.
- Appointed as Quantum Expert in adjudication proceedings on a new build bespoke high end housing scheme – South London.
- Appointed as a Quantum Expert to provide an independent review of the MEP subcontractors account on an exclusive, luxury high-end residential conversion scheme in Central London.
- Appointed as a Quantum Expert to provide an independent review of the MEP subcontractors account on a high-end residential new build scheme in South London.
- Appointed as a Quantum Expert to provide an independent review of the procurement processes adopted on two local authority residential refurbishment frameworks in Central / South London.

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

1987 - 1992

Schumann Smith Ltd (Aecom)
Senior Quantity Surveyor

1985 – 1987

R M Schofield & Partners
Quantity Surveyor

1979 – 1985

Fairclough Building Ltd (AMEC)
Training Quantity Surveyor

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.
- 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.
- This was Jim's first experience of consultancy, were 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.
- 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.