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Arbitrator | Mediator | ADR & Dispute Advisory Specialist

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Overview

Brings a rare combination of technical fluency, commercial realism and calm authority to dispute avoidance and resolution. Particularly effective where disputes are complex, technically dense or emotionally charged, and where decision-makers require confidence to resolve matters decisively and proportionately.

Professional Summary

ADR professional with over 20 years' experience across arbitration, mediation, dispute boards, adjudication, expert appointments, and dispute avoidance. Recognised for procedural discipline, independence, technical fluency, and commercial realism. Brings an integrated understanding of law, contract, quantum, delay, engineering, and risk while maintaining strict neutrality.

Awarded Member of the British Empire (MBE) for services to equality, diversity and inclusion.

Arbitration Experience

- Sole arbitrator in a breach of contract construction dispute (Pakistan), 2017
- Sole arbitrator in a performance and quality issue on a building project (Pakistan), 2021
- Numerous Expert appointments across valuation, final accounts, delay, disruption, defects, manufacturing, and professional services arbitration disputes.
- Domestic and international matters ranging from six-figure to multi-million-pound values
- Strong procedural management, proportionality, and award-writing discipline

Approach: Early issue definition • Robust case management • Disciplined expert evidence handling
• Clear, enforceable awards

Mediation Experience

- Appointed mediator in construction, infrastructure, public-sector, commercial, property, and shareholder disputes
- Pro bono mediator on mosque and trustee disputes.
- Regularly resolves complex, multi-party and technically dense matters
- High settlement rate, frequently achieving same-day outcomes

Style: *Primarily facilitative with evaluative input where appropriate* • Calm authority • Strong reality-testing • Inclusive process management

Advisory, Dispute Boards & Related ADR

- Chair and member of Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Boards (DAABs)
- Led Negotiation and Settlement on numerous public and private disputes.
- Former party representative and expert in arbitration, mediation, and litigation (strict role separation maintained)

Teaching, Training & Professional Development

- Faculty member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – arbitration and mediation
- Lecturer, RICS Diploma in Arbitration (awards and decision-making focus)
- Regular speaker and author on ADR, expert evidence, dispute causation, and governance

End to End Professional Foundation

- Engineering – practical understanding of design, construction and delivery risk
- Quantity Surveying & Commercial – valuation, final accounts, cost certainty and loss analysis

- Procurement – public and private sector procurement, governance and compliance
- Risk Management – enterprise and project risk, optioneering and consequence analysis
- Law & ADR – construction law, mediation, arbitration, adjudication and dispute avoidance

Education

- BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering, NED University of Engineering & Technology
- MSc Project Management, Queen Mary, University of London
- MSc Construction Law & Arbitration, King's College London
- LLB (Hons), University of Law

Professional

Fellow: Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors.

Member: International Bar Association, Pakistan Engineering Council.

Chair UK Construction Industry Council Liability Panel

Director and past vice chair Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Certifications

Ciarb accredited Mediator, Certified Risk Management Professional, Management of Risk 4® Practitioner, ISO 31000 & 22301 Lead Implementor (on-going), Laing O'Rourke Young Guns (mini-MBA), NVQ Level IV Supply Chain Management, Executive Leadership, Change Management, APAEWE - Expert Evidence (LET UK).

Publications

- Innovation in Construction Technology in the UK, influenced by accidents, reduces legal risks, Construction Law International (CLInt), International Bar Association, Jul 2018.
- ADR v Litigation, a universal approach, the Revolver (ciarb) Aug 2020.
- Should parties be compelled by law to attempt ADR, CES (CICES), Nov 2020.
- EDI The real pandemic, CES (CICES), Dec 2020.
- Beyond Buildings, why an integrated approach to buildings and infrastructure is essential for climate action and sustainable development COP26, World GBC, co-author, Oct 2021.
- Pakistan Construction Disputes Report – PCDR.pk, root causation of disputes, mitigation strategy, and recommendations report published on behalf of ciarb, co-author, May 2021.
- CRUX Claims Causation, analysis and recommendation on issues and causation of disputes and how to avoid them, Buildings Magazine, June 2023.
- The Importance of Impartiality of Expert Witnesses, Lexology, April 2025.
- Analysis of Sir Robin Knowles CBE – ciarb Roebuck Lecture - Damages and Remedies, Responsibilities and Reputation, Rimkus, Jun 2025.
- Condition Precedent in Construction Contracts, Risk Management Briefing, CIC, Mar 2026.

Presentations and Speaking Engagement

- "Dispute Boards" keynote speaker in Jersey ciarb event, Feb 2018.
- "Sustainable Procurement in Construction", UK Construction Excellence, Jun 2019.
- "6th Global EPC Contract Risk and Project Management Summit", Conf Chair, Feb 2021.
- "Judicial perspective on Arbitration and ADR", ciarb, Pakistan, May 2022.
- "Construction disputes", Gray's Inn London and No.5 Barrister Chambers London, Jul 2022.
- "Unlocking Economic Growth through Effective ADR Mechanisms", Riyadh International Disputes Week (RIDW), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Feb 2025.
- "Use of Experts", 9th Biennial Conference on Construction Projects from Conception to Completion, Milan, Italy, Mar 2025.
- "ADR: Arbitration and Mediation", Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority, Islamabad, Pakistan, Aug 2025.