

## Rob Hubbard, Commercial Consultant

FRICS, FCI Arb, FCInstCES, FCIHT, FIHE, AMICE

MSc Construction Law & Dispute Resolution

RICS Registered Expert Witness

Construction Adjudicator (UKA)

Arbitrator (CIArb BAS)

CMC Registered Mediator

I am a chartered quantity surveyor who has had a diverse career with almost 35 years' experience, progressing from site-based roles with Tier 1 contractors through managerial roles to director level in private practice. I have led teams to deliver a wide range of construction and civil engineering projects in several varied sectors.

From feasibility studies through to final account and further through dispute resolution, I have successfully managed the commercial delivery of projects and programmes of work. I have had a direct and immediate experience of the needs and requirements of both contractor and employer organisations and prides myself on delivering efficiently and effectively and to exceptionally high standards.

Leveraging my experience, I have integrated my adjudication skills into my career. My understanding of both contractor and employer perspectives, coupled with my adjudication experience, has enabled me to effectively manage and resolve disputes across diverse construction and civil engineering projects. This unique combination of practical experience and adjudication acumen ensures I deliver solutions efficiently, pragmatically, and to the highest professional standards.

### Key skills / expertise

- Quantum Assessment
- Programme / Project Management
- Contract Management & Administration
- Commercial Management
- Risk Management
- Stakeholder Management
- Financial Control & Board Reporting
- Contract Negotiation
- Dispute Avoidance and Resolution
- Contract Strategy
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Leadership & Management

### Record of Experience

#### Cantidad Limited (September 2022 to present)

##### Director, Principal Consultant

Delivering a range of services related to cost, value, and risk management for the construction industry in both the public and private sector.

##### Current Commissions include:

Retained by several public and private sector clients to provide commercial management and advice on several projects and frameworks as well as supporting clients on the procurement of individual projects or delivery frameworks relating to construction works and professional services.

Sectors include: Highways, Utilities, Construction and Housing, Professional Services

Regularly appointments as quantum expert witness by solicitors or as party representative in adjudication matters.

## George Corderoy & Co (January 2018 to September 2022)

### Regional Director, North of England

I held responsibility for the effective and profitable operation of two Corderoy offices, based in Leeds and Manchester and was the only non-partner with responsibility for more than one cost centre within the firm.

I managed two office-based teams as well as several professional assistants by regular face-to-face visits and through regular telephone dialogue. The range of commissions included regular work for major public and private bodies including National Highways: M1 J23-25 & M6 J2-4 smart motorway schemes, Asset Delivery works across regional depots overseeing commercial assurance for NEC Option C projects.

HS2 Ltd: Estimating and cost management on feasibility of Phase 2b works. Network Rail: Estimating civil engineering works on Trans Pennine Route upgrade (West of Leeds). Feasibility costing and high-level estimating on behalf of various Local Authorities, Consultants and Contractors/Subcontractors across various disciplines in the North of England.

### Pre 2018

- Freelance Consultant (October 2017 to December 2017)
- J Murphy & Sons Ltd (September 2013 to October 2017)
- Tarmac National Contracting – Highway Services  
Managing Quantity Surveyor (January 2011 to September 2013)
- Walker Fox Commercial Services - Various Projects on freelance basis
- Freelance Commercial Consultant (November 2010 – December 2011)
- Balfour Beatty Regional Civil Engineering - Various Contracts  
Commercial Manager (May 2008 – November 2010)
- Ledge Associates Limited - Various Projects on freelance basis
- Freelance Commercial Manager (September 2005 – May 2008)
- Controlled Demolition Group Limited - Various Projects  
Commercial Manager (January 2005 – September 2005)
- Webfell Group Limited, Wakefield - Various Projects  
Commercial Manager (November 2002 – January 2005)
- Thyssen Construction (UK) Limited - Various Civil Engineering Projects  
Senior Quantity Surveyor (April 2002 – November 2002)
- Birse Civils Limited - Various Civil Engineering Projects  
Senior Quantity Surveyor (October 2000 – April 2002)
- MSI-Mech Construction Limited - Various Projects  
Company Quantity Surveyor (October 1999 – October 2000)
- AMEC Civil Engineering Limited - Various Projects  
Senior/Project Quantity Surveyor (March 1997 – October 1999)
- Freelance Senior Quantity Surveyor (March 1996 – March 1997)  
Balfour Beatty Rail Projects Limited - Southern Track Renewals  
Tarmac Construction Limited - M65, Blackburn Southern Bypass Contract, Bamber Bridge to Whitebirk  
Shepherd Construction Limited - John Lewis Store, Cheadle
- Fielding Construction Limited  
Estimator/Quantity Surveyor (October 1995 – March 1996)
- Amey Construction Limited A4/A46 Batheaston/Swainswick Bypass.  
Quantity Surveyor (April 1994 – October 1995)
- Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Limited – Major Projects A14 Kettering Southern Bypass, Second Severn Crossing Approach Roads  
Quantity Surveyor (Roadworks) (July 1990 – April 1994)

## Adjudicator appointments

April 2023: Appointed to provide a decision on a notified sum dispute.

September 2023: Appointed to provide a decision on monies due following alleged repudiatory breach of contract.

January 2024: Appointed to provide a decision on a notified sum dispute.

## Relevant Expert Witness appointments

### JCT DB 2016

Instructed as Quantum Expert witness on behalf of the Main Contractor in relation to preparing a true value valuation of the construction of a residential led mixed used scheme comprising 216 residential apartments, commercial space to ground floor together with associated car park, cycle parking and landscape works

### JCT SBC 2016

Instructed as Quantum Expert witness on behalf of the Main Contractor in relation to preparing a true value valuation of the construction of a residential development comprising of 5 detached, 14 semi-detached and 8 terraced dwellings.

### JCT SBC 2016

Instructed as Quantum Expert witness on behalf of the Employer to provide opinion on the true value of a single domestic dwelling with an initial contract sum of £9m.

### Repudiatory Breach of Contract

Instructed as Quantum Expert witness on behalf of the injured parties Consultant in relation to a quantum assessment of damages arising from a repudiatory breach of contract relating to a cladding subcontract.

### JCT DBSub 2016 Design and Build Sub-Contract

To provide a report on the quantum assessment of a significant value variation order undertaken by the Contractor in relation to the subcontract package for 'substructure, superstructure and infrastructure' works on a mixed development in London.

### Utilities, adjudication

Instructed as Quantum Expert witness on behalf of the responding party in adjudication under JCT contract.

Report accepted by

the appointed Adjudicator to form the basis of his quantum assessment.

## Relevant Party Representative/Advisor appointments

### JCT MWC 2016

Appointed by Contractor to initially review account and pursue true valuation settlement against Employer in relation to the conversion of a commercial building to residential.

### JCT ICD 2016

Appointed by Contractor to initially review entitlement of loss and expense claims in relation to structural and external repairs to a historical building. Subsequently acted as party representative in successful true value adjudication on behalf of referring party.

### Mechanical & Electrical package, pre-dispute assessment

Appointed by Employers solicitors under JCT form of contract to undertake a detailed quantum review of the M&E package contract on this large-scale pharmaceutical project.

### Roofing Package, Adjudication

Represented subcontractor client as Responding Party following the issue of pre-emptive adjudication proceedings during a payment dispute matter. On behalf of my client, a successful settlement was negotiated, and the Adjudicator was allowed to resign.

### Bespoke Civil Engineering Subcontract

Appointed by Contractor to successfully pursue notified sum dispute as referring party and subsequently defend true value adjudication as responding party.

### Bespoke Mechanical & Electrical subcontracts

Represented in four simultaneous notified sum disputes as referring party being successful in three and unsuccessful in one due to decision on format of client's application for payment. Further adjudication proceedings on notified sum or in the alternative, true value of account. Proceedings suspended as client entered into liquidation.

### Bespoke Civil Engineering Contract

Successfully represented client as responding party in defending four notified sum adjudications with three being commenced simultaneously following responding parties' failure in the first instance (separate disputes).

### Bespoke Civil Engineering Contract

Represented contractor client as referring party in true value proceedings to secure a favourable decision.

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