

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Qualifications

FIDIC Certified Adjudicator, Chartered Arbitrator, FICE, FCIArb, FRICS, FCInstCES, FCaSA, AFIChemE

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SUMMARY

Experience and Specialist Areas

- FIDIC Certified Adjudicator (Dispute Board Member)
- Member of FIDIC's Dispute Avoidance Advisory Forum Standing Group, Co-Moderator of Forum Meetings at FIDIC Conferences and contribute to Practice Notes issued by the Group
- On ICE's List of Dispute Board Members, Adjudicators (as an Honorary Member), Arbitrators, Mediators and Conciliators
- On IChemE's Panel of Dispute Review Board Members
- Senior and Founding Fellow Arbitrator of UNIONE

- Fellow of The-Neutrals.ORG – Elite, senior
- Registered as Senior Adjudicator by The Engineering Professions Association of Namibia
- Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Civil Engineering Surveyor
- UK Country Representative for DRBF (www.drbf.org) 2014-2020
- On Clerksroom (www.clerksroom.com) and Dubai International Arbitration Centre lists of Arbitrators, and on database of London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- On Resolex and Mediator Directory Lists of Mediators
- Practising Dispute Board Chairman and Member, International Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Mediator and Conciliator and in Expert Determination
- Many years' experience with international contractors, sub-contractors and consultants
- Experience of contracts and disputes in UK, Mainland Europe (East and West), Southern, East and West Africa, Middle East, Asia-Pacific Region, India and Caribbean, and therefore of different jurisdictions and legal systems
- Oil and gas projects, building, civil, railway, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, controls systems, nuclear and power engineering
- Preparation of, and defence to, claims and notices for referral to adjudication, international dispute boards and international arbitration
- Drafting agreements, including consultancy agreements, and other contract documents
- Insurance Claims – professional indemnity and design liability
- Write journal articles; review books; give seminars on dispute boards and FIDIC, NEC, IChemE and ICC Contracts, contracts and claims
- Can speak and write working French and German and up to Intermediate Spanish

Memberships

- TheNeutrals.ORG as a Founding Fellow
- UNIONE as a Senior and Founding Fellow Arbitrator
- Patron of Western Counties Branch, UK, of CI Arb since April 2022
- Member of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation
- Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law
- Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
- Member of the Society of Construction Law
- Member of the Adjudication Society
- Member of the Energy Arbitration Club
- Member of Resolex Mediators Group
- Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- Chairman of Contracts and Dispute Resolution Panel of Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors 2007-2010
- General Secretary and Treasurer of the European Council for Construction Economists (CEEC) 2005-2010
- RICS QS President and Construction Faculty Chairman 1999-2000
- Member of editorial panel for ICE's 'Management, Procurement and Law' – Chairman of Procurement Sub-Committee 2006-2010
- Associate Fellow Member of IChemE and Member of IChemE's Dispute Resolution Committee

Articles, Guides and References

- Articles for CICES journal and DB MENA newsletters on Dispute Boards
- Have produced comparative guides to:
 - The different FIDIC Conditions
 - The Dispute Board Rules and Procedures published by FIDIC, the ICC, the World Bank and the ICE

- International Arbitration Rules

Training and Education

- Co-Moderator in FIDIC Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Forum held at International Conferences twice a year
- Give training to professional groups and companies on various forms of contract, claims, contracts and dispute avoidance and resolution generally
- Trainer on Dispute Board Federation's Dispute Board and FIDIC Intensive Training Programme 2010 to 2013
- Trainer on DRBF Advanced Workshops in Istanbul and in UK 2010 and 2011, in Sao Paolo and UK in 2011, in Singapore 2014, in Genoa in May 2015, in Sofia in November 2016 and in Berlin in March 2019
- CICES Regional Review Examiner 2010-2022

Recent and forthcoming speaking engagements

- Due to Co-Moderate the Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Forums Parts A and B at the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference, Delhi, 14-15 September 2026
- Gave Presentation on Dispute Boards at the UNBOUNDED Global Summit 2026 in Barcelona on 14-15 August 2026
- Co-presented the Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Forum at the FIDIC Contracts Users Conference in London, 01-04 December 2025
- Took the role of DAAB Chairman in sessions on Dispute Boards at the ICC-FIDIC Conference on International Construction Contracts and Dispute Resolution in Paris, 14-15 October 2025
- Co-Moderated the Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Forums at the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference in Cape Town, 21-23 September 2025
- FIDIC international Users Conference, London, November-December 2022, 2024 and 2025
- FIDIC International Global Infrastructure Conference, Geneva, September 2022 and 2024 and Cape Town, September 2025

- DRBF Central and Eastern European Conference, Sofia, March 2024
- DRBF Webinar April 2024
- DRBF Regional Conferences: Stockholm, October 2019; Tbilisi, March 2020; Vienna, March 2023; Sofia, March 2024
- March 2023; Sofia, March 2024
- DRBF Romania and UK Conference, Bucharest, March 2019 and Tbilisi, March 2020
- RICS/DRBF Conference in Edinburgh, March 2019
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators Annual Symposium, London, December 2016, 2017 and 2020 to 2025
- DRBF International Conference, virtual, October 2020
- DRBF Bulgaria Workshop, Kyustendil, Bulgaria, November 2017
- ESCL Conference, King's College, London, October 2015
- ICC/FIDIC Conference, Johannesburg, June 2014
- DRBF International Conference, Singapore, May 2014
- Mauritius Engineers, February 2014
- Conference on Advanced Contract and Risk Management for the Utility and Power Generation Industry, London, for BIS Group, January 2014
- Evening talks on ADR for CIArb Branch, Taunton/Bristol, 2013 and 2022
- Led seminar on Dispute Boards for CIArb Branch, Bristol, September 2013
- FIDIC Conference, Barcelona, September 2013
- ICC/FIDIC Conference, Paris, June 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dates

Details

Since January 1992	Engaged solely in international dispute resolution in engineering and construction
	Managing Director of John Papworth Limited, Consultancy in International Dispute Resolution – Engineering and Construction
July 2026	Appointed DB Chairman of DAABs on two contracts to construct lodges in Tanzania – FIDIC Silver Book 2017 (2022 reprint with amendments) – combined value nearly US\$ 50 millions
July 2026	Appointed DB Member for three packages on the Metro Manila Subway Project – multi-million US\$ 100millions - MDB Pink Book
February 2026 to date	Chairman of standing DB on two Lots of Mieso-Dire Dawa Expressway, Ethiopia – US\$ 465m - FIDIC Yellow Book 2017
October 2023 to date	Sole Standing/Ad-hoc DB Member for Hydro Power Plant on River Bistrica, Bosnia-Herzegovina – US\$ 140m - FIDIC Yellow Book 1999 - one decision given
May 2023 to date	Chairman of standing DB on huge railway project in the Philippines – approx. US\$600m – MDB Harmonised Pink Book – one dispute referred April 2024 – first decision given September 2024
March 2022 to date	Sole standing DAB on highway project in Moldova – rehabilitation of R34 Hincesti – Leova- Cahul – Giurgiulesti Road, km 0+000 – km 42+200 (lot 1) and km 42+000 – km 83+000 (Lot 2) - MDB Harmonised Pink Book – two disputes referred – one decision given, the other suspended by the Parties
October to November 2025	Adjudicator in dispute between Subcontractor and Contractor about retention releases – Parties settled before decision due

August to September 2025	Adjudicator in very substantial civil and structural engineering project in UK – decision given at end of September 2025
December 2024 to January 2025	Adjudicator in dispute on electricity connection in UK – decision given January 2025
March to May 2024	Adjudicator in very substantial UK adjudication – building, civil and M&E project – decision produced
November 2017 to date	Sole standing DAB Member for three highway projects in Kenya – FIDIC MDB Harmonised Book - disputes referred on each project – twelve decisions given on first project – six decisions given on second project - six decisions given on third project
December 2019 to April 2024	One of three standing DAB Members on Improvements to US\$ 435m Water Supply and Treatment Scheme in Al Basrah, Iraq – Two Packages on FIDIC 1999 Red and Yellow Books - four tranches of disputes referred – fourth decision given April 2024
August 2022 to December 2023	Appointed by Asian Development Bank as Consultant in Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication and Claims Advice on projects in the Asia-Pacific Region
May 2015 to date	Member of three-Member DAB on Kampala-Entebbe Expressway highway project in Uganda – three disputes referred – first dispute decision given December 2020, second decision given December 2021, third decision given October 2022
January 2021 to date	Sole standing DAAB Member on highway project in Ukraine – FIDIC 2017 Red Book – project suspended due to war

January 2020 to June 2022	Chairman of three-Member standing DAB on electricity sub-station, Greater Accra, Ghana – FIDIC 1999 Yellow Book – project completed without claims or disputes
December 2020 to May 2021	Chairman of Three-Member <i>ad-hoc</i> DAB in Georgia – water and sewerage project on FIDIC 1999 Red Book – one dispute referred – decision given May 2021
October 2020 to March 2021	DAB Member in Three-Member <i>ad-hoc</i> DAB for railway project in North Macedonia – FIDIC 1999 Red Book – one dispute referred – decision given March 2021 – Parties used our decision as the basis of a settlement
May 2018 to May 2021	Co-Arbitrator in complex ICC Arbitration in Qatar – FIDIC 1987 Red Book with amendments – virtual hearing held November 2020, postponed until then due to COVID 19 virus – award published end of June 2021 and received praise from ICC
September 2014 to December 2020	Sole standing DAB Member for highway project in Albania – FIDIC Red Book – informal opinions given on claims in November 2014 – Contract terminated – claims now abandoned
April 2019 to 2020	Appointed to advise UK swimming pool subcontractor on three more projects on which he has not been paid properly – advice given on all three projects – solicitors now engaged
March 2019 to December 2020	Appointed as replacement Member of standing Dispute Review Board for tunnelling package on Copenhagen Metro – recommendation given December 2019

August to December 2018	DB Member of three-Member <i>ad-hoc</i> Board on a second highway project in Serbia on FIDIC Pink Book – MBD Harmonised – one dispute referred – decision given December 2018
June to October 2018	DB Member of three-Member <i>ad-hoc</i> Board on highway project in Serbia on FIDIC Pink Book – MDB Harmonised – one dispute referred in two parts – decision given October 2018
February to April 2017	Adjudicator in UK dispute over cable-laying – decision given April 2018
October 2017	Appointed as consultant to UK subcontractor on swimming pool project – advised subcontractor and he achieved an acceptable settlement of his account
October 2016 to June 2017	Sole standing DB Member for highway contract in Ukraine on MDB Pink Book – one dispute referred - decision given June 2017
June 2016 to August 2017	Sole standing DB Member for highway project in Moldova on MDB Pink Book one dispute referred, decision given August 2017
October 2014 to March 2017	Sole <i>ad-hoc</i> DAB Member for Danube Bank protection construction, Romania – FIDIC Red Book – 17 claims to be resolved – six disputes referred, six decisions given
June to October 2016	Adjudicator on UK Water Framework Agreement Project in the UK – complex dispute so extended period – decision given October 2016

October 2011 to date	Sole DAB Member on motorway project in Romania under FIDIC Yellow Book – completed first decision ready for issue in July 2012, but with my assistance the Parties reached an amicable settlement so decision not issued – have given informal opinions on thirteen more issues – second dispute referred in October 2014 and decision given – third dispute issued but Parties settled – fourth dispute referred, decision given January 2018 – fifth dispute referred in August 2020, decision given November 2020
October 2011 to date	Sole DAB Member on motorway project in Romania under FIDIC Red Book – first decision issued August 2012; second dispute referred June 2014 – second decision issued September 2014 – third dispute issued in 2017 – decision given December 2017
July 2014 to December 2016	Sole DAB Member for highway project in Kenya – FIDIC Red Book – no disputes referred
April 2013 to December 2015	Appointed Chairman of standing DAB for highway and drainage project in Botswana – MDB Harmonised version of FIDIC Red Book - one informal opinion given during first visit – first dispute referred and decision given December 2013 – second dispute referred in July 2014 – decision given September 2014 – third decision given in November 2014 - fourth decision given in February 2015
July 2013	Appointed Member of three-Member DAB for hotel building project in Abu Dhabi – FIDIC Red Book – no action taken by Parties
September 2015	Appointed Adjudicator in UK building dispute – decision given

August 2014	Appointed Adjudicator for dispute on power plant in UK – Parties settled in mediation
August 2013 to November 2014	Appointed Member of three-Member <i>ad-hoc</i> DAB for industrial building project in Albania – FIDIC Silver Book – complex dispute referred in April 2014 - decision given in November 2014
April to May 2014	Mediator in dispute between Consultant and Client in geotechnical and mining dispute in West Africa – parties took their dispute back to court
March to December 2014	Appointed Sole <i>ad-hoc</i> DAB Member for port project in Albania – dispute referred and one decision produced May 2014 – second decision given in December 2014
March 2013 to December 2013	Sole <i>ad-hoc</i> DB Member on highway dispute in Azerbaijan – MDB Harmonised version of FIDIC Red Book – no disputes referred
March 2009 to December 2014	Sole standing DAB Member for three 30km highway projects in Albania – all on FIDIC Red Book - seven decisions and one informal opinion given – one project completed in September 2012 and two terminated in 2014
January 2014 to August 2016	Contractual advice to party on academic building project in UK with adjudication in mind over termination of contract – adjudication avoided and settlement reached
February 2013	Appointed Adjudicator in UK roads and drainage dispute – decision given
October 2011 to September 2013	Chairman of standing three-Member DAB on highway project in Mozambique on FIDIC Red Book – three disputes referred – unanimous decisions given in all three

July 2010 to August 2013	Sole <i>ad-hoc</i> DAB Member for water supply project in Sri Lanka on FIDIC Yellow Book – five decisions given
2010-2012	Chairman of three-Member standing DAB on 60km highway project in Tanzania on FIDIC Red Book – project completed without disputes
2010-2011	Part of Engineer's team of claims advisors on £multi-billion coal-fired power station in South Africa on largest coal-fired station ever built and largest project in Africa – preparation of responses to claims, Clause 3.5 determinations and Clause 2.5 Employer's claims – contracts on FIDIC Red and Yellow Books
November 2010	Appointed to carry out Expert Determination on power station in Qatar - determination given in 28 days
September – October 2010	Mediator on construction dispute in UK – agreement reached within half a day
2008-2010	Sole Dispute Board Member on several projects in Middle East, Eastern Europe and UK – large infrastructure and civil engineering projects, including disputes between consultant and client and contractor and client – appointed to two DABs in Eastern Europe in Romania and Bulgaria – both contracts based on FIDIC Red Book - experience of Laws of all those countries – have produced three decisions – avoided disputes in other cases. One decision in Romania appealed to ICC Arbitration, where it was upheld and has now been enforced as first DAB decision to be enforced in Romania
2000-2009	Adjudicator and Party Representative in disputes in UK – civil engineering, pipelines, railway work, consultancy agreements, M&E work and building – included pipeline for aircraft fuel in UK

2004-2008	Compiling notices of dispute and presenting Contractors' cases at DRB hearings and obtained favourable results on two power station projects in Kenya over period of four years – FIDIC 4 th edition
2007	International arbitration and preparation of claims and statements of case on infrastructure and pipeline projects in East Africa and Middle East
2006-2007	Preparation of claims and statement of case in arbitration for major Indian international oil and gas contractor on gas extraction projects off Qatar
2005	Advising Indian oil and gas contractor on dispute on power plant off Tanzania – settled without starting arbitration
2005	Advising Qatar based contractor in arbitrations on unforeseen ground conditions on micro-tunnelling project in Mumbai, India – taken to arbitration by Indian law firm
2004	Advising civil engineering contractors on disputes on various projects in UK in nuclear power plants and other engineering projects – prepared claims which enabled clients to obtain favourable settlements
2000-2003	Preparation of claims for Japanese, French, Indian and Kenyan contractors on projects in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania: sewerage and water supply schemes, power station and distribution lines, prisons
1997-2000	Preparation of claims for international contractors (French, German, Greek, Caribbean) and subcontractors on building and civil engineering projects in Arabian Gulf states, Caribbean, Europe and Far East.

1997-1998	Acting in arbitrations for Claimant party in three arbitrations in UK and East Africa, obtaining favourable results
1997	Advised international contractor in preparation of bid for waste-water scheme in Bucharest, Romania
1994-1997	Preparation and negotiation of claims, and defences to counterclaims for one of the world's largest power station constructors on gas turbine, steam turbine, combined cycle and coal-fired power plant projects in UK and Indonesia. Several projects valued from £25m to £660m
1991-1993	Preparation of claims and case for submission to arbitration of disputes on nuclear power station for international piping contractor
May 1988 - Dec 1991	Contracts/Legal Executive/Associate with International Consultancy
	Legal and contractual advice to directors, senior staff and clients on contentious and non-contentious matters.
	Contentious matters: Prepared claims for contractor and subcontractor in Saudi Arabia on transcontinental pipeline and new holiday resort.
	Acted as Arbitrator on one dispute and produced interim and final awards. Prepared submissions to arbitration for contractors and clients. Litigation support in contractual and professional indemnity claims, by way of technical reports. Preparation and negotiation of claims. Defence to claims.

Non-contentious matters: Drafting contracts and subcontracts, often for novel contracting strategies on high-profile projects; drafting warranties, novations, consultancy agreements and other contract documents for clients including oil and pharmaceutical companies, the PSA and utility companies

Mar 1986 - Apr 1988 Project Leader with Major QS Consultancy

Led team of eleven QSs and Cost Engineers on M&E Phase of MoD Project for PSA. Value £70m.

The project was badly affected by disputes between the Contractor and the Superintending Officer. I attended numerous negotiation meetings at PSA Headquarters with Senior Officials and the Contractor's representatives, as well as carrying out the regular duties of cost reporting, valuations and supervising the team. I also had personal responsibility for the building and civil work.

Project QS for £5m underground main replacement at same MoD establishment.

Feb 1981 – Feb 1986 Senior QS in Central Contracts Department of Costain Group

This was a department specialising in contractual matters for all operations from the UK down to North Africa undertaken by the Group's subsidiaries in building, civil and marine engineering. Embraced all standard forms used in UK, as well as some bespoke forms, and a number of FIDIC and other overseas contracts.

Jan 1979 – Jan 1981	Kyle Stewart Limited (now part of Royal BAM Group) 1. Senior QS with Major Works 2. Head of QS Department of Special Works Division 1. Senior QS reporting to Group Surveying Director on several Design and Build projects for pharmaceutical company and brewery. Values £0.5m - £4m. Some estimating as well as post contract work. 2. Division reformed 1980. Profit and turnover targets exceeded. We undertook special projects in jacking of building, underground services and repairs, as well as new, prestigious fitting out work. Again, some estimating and post contract work.
Oct - Dec 1978	Claims Advisor with International Civil Engineering Consultancy Advising Deutsche Babcock on claims from subcontractor on power station in Saudi Arabia and based in Oberhausen. Advising Engineers on several power stations in different parts of the world.
Mid 1977 - Oct 1978	QS and Construction Manager with Regional Contractors Final account measurement. Leader of the technical team on industrial and domestic building and light civil projects. Responsible for progress, organising resources, meeting consultants and attending site meetings.
Sep 1975 - July 1977	Senior then Chief QS for A. Lang Limited (Swiss), Accra, Ghana

Reporting to Technical Director of premier construction company in Ghana. Projects ranged from minor domestic works to multi-million building and civil projects. Responsible for all commercial matters, including preparation, submission and negotiation of claims.

July 1971 - July 1975 QS with Kyle Stewart Limited (now part of Royal BAM Group)

Assistant QS on civil engineering work on Freightliner Terminal. Responsible for re-measurement and providing information for claims, which were compiled by external advisor.

Promoted to QS. Worked on office and industrial buildings up to around £0.75m.

Sep 1969- June 1971 Trainee/Assistant QS with International Contractor

After working with different surveyors on residential and industrial projects, I worked entirely on £2m local authority housing project. There was a major dispute on the civil engineering phase, which went to Arbitration.