



CV OF JONATHAN COPE

ADJUDICATOR | ARBITRATOR | EXPERT DETERMINER | MEDIATOR

Summary

Jonathan is an experienced dispute resolver and has been appointed in over 250 construction and engineering disputes as either adjudicator, arbitrator or expert determiner. These disputes have concerned projects ranging in value up to £250m, and have been in a variety of sectors including education, roads and infrastructure, power generation, airports, hotels and leisure, healthcare, offices and residential. Jonathan is on a number of panels of dispute resolvers, and is also named as dispute resolver in a variety of significant contracts and framework agreements. He is also regularly agreed to act as dispute resolver by parties and their representatives. Jonathan acts as a mediator and is accredited by CEDR. He is also available to act as a dispute board member.

Examples of recent experience acting as dispute resolver include:-

- NEC3 contract: Acting as adjudicator in a £10m quantum dispute between an energy infrastructure company and national contractor concerning sums due following termination;
- NEC3 contract: Acting as arbitrator under the ICE Arbitration Procedure in a dispute between a national contractor and a highways services provider concerning the value of traffic management services provided in connection with a motorway project;
- NEC3 contract: Acting as a single member conflict avoidance panel on disputes between a multinational engineering consultancy and a public transport provider concerning Compensation Events on an £11m station redevelopment.
- Design contract: Acting as adjudicator in a breach of contract claim brought by a national contractor against its lead designer concerning alleged design delays on a substantial motorway improvement scheme;
- Bespoke subcontract: Acting as adjudicator in a £9m quantum dispute between a national contractor and its subcontractor concerning the value of rectification works to 1,800 bathroom pods;
- Consultant contract: Acting as adjudicator in a £1.2m breach of contract dispute brought by an employer and its employer's agent following a failure to serve a pay less notice;
- JCT contract: Acting as arbitrator under CIMAR in a dispute between a main contractor and school concerning refurbishment works;

Jonathan has undertaken expert witness work in adjudication, arbitration and litigation proceedings, including the provision of oral evidence both in court and arbitration. He has acted as party appointed expert and single joint expert in disputes concerning the valuation of construction and rectification works, the administration of contracts and professional negligence, amongst others.

Jonathan is Chair of the UK Society of Construction Law and is a member of the Society of Construction Arbitrators, ARBRIX and the Adjudication Society. Jonathan was Chair of the RICS Dispute Resolution Professional Group from June 2011 to June 2013, and also previously held the post of Regional Convenor of the London and South East Region of the Adjudication Society.

Jonathan regularly gives lectures and presentations on construction law and dispute resolution topics in the UK and internationally for organisations such as the Adjudication Society, ARBRIX, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, IBC, International Cost Engineering Council, RICS, Technology and Construction Bar Association and the Society of Construction Law. He has also written extensively on legal and ADR topics, and has had articles published in RICS Journals and Building Magazine. He is also a regular contributor to the Practical Law website.

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Panel Memberships

- Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution – Adjudication Panel
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Adjudication Panel
- Construction Industry Council – Adjudication Panel
- Irish Government – Adjudication Panel
- Royal Institute of British Architects – Adjudication Panel
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors – Adjudication Panel
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors – Arbitration Panel
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors – Dispute Board Register
- Technology and Construction Solicitors' Association – Adjudication Panel
- Transport for London – Conflict Avoidance Panel

Professional Qualifications

- Called to the Bar at Gray's Inn
- Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Chartered Building Surveyor and Chartered Quantity Surveyor)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Academy of Experts

Academic Qualifications

- Bar Vocational Course (Outstanding), BPP Law School
- Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction), College of Law: Winner of Hammicks Prize for achieving the best overall result
- BSc (Hons) Building Surveying (2:1), University of Reading: Winner of Giles Curwell Memorial Prize for best project work

2004 – Present: MCMS Limited, London EC2 - Director

Since joining MCMS in 2004, Jonathan has been involved with all aspects of dispute resolution, mainly acting as a dispute resolver or expert witness.

1997 – 2004: William Martin & Partners, London SW1 - Partner

Jonathan undertook a variety of surveying services whilst at William Martin & Partners, including undertaking the roles of contract administrator, project manager, employer's agent and project monitor on building repair, maintenance, refurbishment and conversion projects. On many of these projects Jonathan also undertook the quantity surveying. Jonathan also carried out dilapidations, building surveys and expert witness work. These services were provided for a variety of clients including BP, NCP, Diageo, Derwent London, GE and City of Westminster. Jonathan had responsibility within the practice for the review of all extension of time and loss and expense claims, and also provided contract advice to a number of clients.

1996 – 1997: Lawson's Chartered Surveyors, East Sussex - Graduate Surveyor

Jonathan joined Lawson's after graduating from the University of Reading. He was mainly involved with the project management of new build and refurbishment public sector residential developments.

1991 – 1996: Hayward Building Group, Dorset - Quantity Surveyor and Estimator

Jonathan gained a wide variety of experience whilst working for Hayward Building Group and was based both in the office and on site. His work involved the preparation of tenders, general surveying duties throughout the construction phase and the preparation of main contract and subcontract final accounts. Jonathan continued to work for Hayward during his university vacations.