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PROFILE:

I am a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, previously Senior Partner of Daniel Connal Partnership and with day to day responsibility for their Colchester Office.

Professional services such as quantity surveying and project management provide consistent experience of preparing documentation and administering construction contracts, which embraces awareness of possible areas for dispute and the measures to avoid them.

I decided to use and advance that experience to train as an Arbitrator and also then became attracted to the unique opportunities that Mediation could offer parties in dispute.

I understood and warmed to the use of those benefits when I was accredited as a Mediator by CEDR in 1993 and my enthusiasm for that process has never waned.

I now continue to regularly act as Mediator, Arbitrator or Adjudicator on my own account with administrative and secretarial support from my previous Partners.

I consider my style as being facilitative in Mediation, but my experience in evaluative forms of dispute resolution can also be of assistance when all Parties require.



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MEDIATION EXPERIENCE:

Whilst my professional experience of construction has attracted many of my mediation appointments over more than 20 years, I have also mediated a variety of disputes in other sectors including neighbour and boundary issues and diverse matters arising from the London County Court. As an example, one such dispute involved the export of specialised equipment for use in the Commonwealth Games!

Principally, however, my Mediation experience can be summarised to be in the following fields:-

Construction

- Building Contracts for a wide variety of building types for public, commercial and private clients.
- Sub-Contracts of numerous disciplines.
- Delays, Defects and evaluation of associated damages.

Mechanical Engineering

- Structural Steel, Chemical Plant, Mechanical and Electrical Works Sprinkler Installations, Lifts etc.

Professional Negligence

- Architecture, Surveying and Legal Services involving Property.

Property

- Sale of Land and Property and boundary disputes arising.

Landlord and Tenants

- Matters arising from Lease conditions, dilapidations, interruption of business and redevelopment plans.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

I have experience of many construction contracts of a wide variety of size and type for many different commercial, public and private clients.

I also have experience of overseeing the Building Surveying and Health and Safety services provided by my Practice.

Acting as an Arbitrator or Adjudicator or Expert I have been involved with many disputes beyond my experience as a Mediator. I have for example been appointed as Adjudicator several hundred times since the statutory right to refer a Construction dispute to Adjudication was introduced in the 1996 Act.

I also Tutor or act as Assessor or Moderator on courses held by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators for aspiring Mediators.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS:

I am a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

I am a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and ex Branch Chairman. I am also a member of their Exam Board.

I am a member of panels of dispute resolvers for RICS, CI Arb, RIBA, CEDR, CIOB and TeCSA.

TESTIMONIALS:

Parties involved in Mediations I have conducted have made the following comments:

- “Bob was very good. He grasped the Legal & technical issues and was very practical in helping the parties work through the problem and reaching settlement.”
- “Able to steer the process and maintain progress throughout the day.”
- “Able to explain in a calm and non-judgemental manner.”
- “Able to put the parties at ease and gained their confidence.”
- “Determined and made parties try harder.”
- “Able to confront difficult topics.”
- “Good reality tester.”