

Len CH Bunton FRICS FCI Arb

Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Expert Witness, Mediator

BRIEF SYNOPSIS

Len Bunton is a quantity surveyor with a significant track record in the construction industry. He has been involved in commercial developments, health and defense projects, schools, industrial developments, power stations, hotel and leisure projects, golf courses, governmental buildings, private finance projects, public/private sector partnerships, manufacturing and production facilities.

Len qualified in 1972 and after a period in the public sector he became an associate then partner with a professional QS firm. He commenced his own firm in 1979 and from a standing start developed this into a 50 strong practice by the mid 80's where he became senior partner. He developed the firm into project management, cost management, building surveying and dispute resolution.

In the early 90's he was approached by a leading UK company, Beard Dove Ltd, who acquired his firm, with Len becoming Operations Director in Scotland. He developed into other areas of this company and eventually was appointed as a main board director in 1995, with operational responsibility for the northern part of the UK. He also set up and was responsible for the company's Contract Advisory Services unit in the UK.

In 1996 Len joined the Bucknall Group as main board director and again took operational responsibility for operations in the north region of the UK. During the past four years he developed further his high level procurement experience on major building and civil engineering projects, developed the companies PFI/PPP consultancy and also became involved in contractual issues on Prime Contracting. He has played a significant role in customer care, best practice and business development etc.

He has acted as project director for cost management on a number of major construction projects.

Len first developed focused experience in dispute resolution in 1978. He took a specific interest in construction law and has lectured regularly on conditions of contract internally, and also to clients.

From 1978 to present he has been involved in many dispute resolution issues and has acted as arbiter, adjudicator, expert witness, mediator, conciliator and claims consultant. He has appeared in court on a number of instances as expert witness. He also developed specific experience in construction insolvency and corporate recovery.

PRACTICE AREAS

Professional negligence, defects in construction, contract interpretation, measurement issues, valuation problems, extension of time, loss and expense, determination, quantum determination, delay and disruption issues, fraud investigations, corporate recovery, insolvency investigations, bank investigations.

Len's professional work has covered all sectors of construction and all sectors of the UK economy.

He has operated on dispute resolution cases also in Kuwait, Spain, Sweden, Portugal and the USA.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbiters

Panel member of the Chartered Institute of Arbiters

CI Arb Panel of Adjudicators in UK.

Chairman's Panel of Adjudicators RICS in Scotland.

Confederation of Construction Specialists Panel of Adjudicators.

ACA Panel of Adjudicators

CIC Panel of Adjudicators

ICE panel of Adjudicators

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Major Projects Adjudication Group

Member of the Dispute Resolution Faculty Board, RICS. On working party drafting Guidance Notes on Adjudication.

Member Dispute Review Board Foundation.

Editor Adjudication Society Newsletter.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION APPOINTMENTS

15 appointments as Arbitrator, 2 current appointments at present and 3 appointments pending.

30 appointments as adjudicator pre the HGCR Act

40 appointments as adjudicator post the HGCR Act.

14 appointments post the HGCR Act as adviser to the parties.

Appointed in 2001 to Adjudication Panel on £60 million PFI project for East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Appointed in 1989 to Dispute Resolution Panel on £270 million power station project in Kuwait.

10 appointments as expert witness/man of skill, currently acting as expert witness to the Claimants on major dispute which will be heard in front of an Arbitration Panel in Stockholm.

3 appointments as mediator in 2001.

TRAINING

Len provides training courses on the JCT Conditions of Contract, the SBCC Domestic Sub-Contract, The Engineering and Construction Contract and on Adjudication for employers, contractors and sub contractors, and has worked with most of the UK's leading construction companies.

He has also provided training courses on construction insolvency for the UK's leading insolvency practitioners and banks.

Len is currently offering training on the adjudication process to key clients and is also working to promote the formation of a Scottish Adjudication Forum.

Len has spoken at a number of UK conferences on partnering, public sector procurement, PFI, design and build, PI claims, extension of time and loss and expense claims, dispute resolution strategies.

He is also a very experienced conference chairman.

ARTICLES WRITTEN

Len has written articles for Property Executive, Project Scotland, Contract Journal, the Building magazine on conditions of contract, arbitration, adjudication, extension of time and loss and expense claims, construction insolvency and on PFI/PPP for the PFI Report and the PFI Journal.

He has recently completed a review of current adjudication issues.

BOOKS AND BOOK REVIEWS

Len has contributed to several text books by Vincent Powell Smith, by adapting sections to reflect Scots Law.

He also edited the text book by Ian Cherry on the Standard form of Building Contract.

He currently reviews books for the RICS, the CI Arb and Project Scotland.

APPOINTMENTS

Advisor on the Scottish Business Mentoring programme.

Chaired study group set up by Chartered Institute of Arbiters on construction disputes.

Former member of the RICS education committee.

Former member of the RICS QS committee.

Former member of the CI Arb Scottish branch committee.

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