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Key Skills:

Over thirty years experience in the construction industry, specialising in contractual/legal aspects of construction projects.

Strong interpersonal skills and extensive experience in dealing positively with individuals from different cultural backgrounds and from both legal and engineering backgrounds. An aptitude for getting to the heart of a problem in order to give practical and constructive input on contractual matters and complex legal issues.

Skilled in writing concise and articulate reports, decisions, recommendations, determinations and awards.

Academic and Professional Qualifications:

BA, BAI (Hons) Civil/Structural Engineering, Trinity College Dublin 1989

LLB (Hons) Bachelor of Laws, University of Wolverhampton 1997

Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration, College of Estate Management Reading 2000

Chartered Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers UK, since 1996

Chartered Member of Engineers Ireland, since 2006

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, since 2007

Chartered Arbitrator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2009

Registered Consulting Engineer with the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland, since 2009

Accredited Mediator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators 2011

FIDIC International Accredited Trainer: Module 1 - 2012, Module 2 - 2013

CI Arb Accredited Adjudicator (Republic of Ireland) 2014

FIDIC President's List Adjudicator, since 2016

Arbitrator of the Society of Construction Arbitrators, since 2019

Experience and Professional History:

2004 – present: Independent dispute resolution practitioner, Dungarvan, Ireland: acting as Arbitrator, Conciliator, Adjudicator, Dispute Board Member and Mediator of construction and commercial disputes involving detailed technical issues as well as complex legal arguments, of values in the millions and tens of millions of euros.

International training on FIDIC forms of contract – public training courses and in-house training for private clients. Training and guidance on ADR procedures, dispute avoidance, and dispute resolution strategies.

Advising clients on the details of construction contracts, and giving practical advice on dispute avoidance and resolution.

Previously, preparing written submissions for construction arbitrations and conciliations. Objective examination of the substance of claims and defences prepared by others.

1999 – 2004: The Railway Procurement Agency (formerly C.I.E.), Dublin, Ireland: in-house Contracts Advisor for the Dublin Light Railway (Luas). Drafting, negotiating and advising on all construction, supply and professional services contracts procured by RPA in connection with construction of the Luas Red and Green Lines. Drafting and negotiating of property development/lease agreements with local landowners, working agreements with utility companies/local authorities, bonds, collateral warranties and guarantees. Liaison with and management of external legal advisors for the Luas operating and maintenance contracts.

1999: Staveley & Partners, Dublin, Ireland: providing contractual advice to clients in respect of civil engineering contracts.

1998 – 1999: James R. Knowles Ltd., Hong Kong: advising and drafting claim pleadings for construction contractors and developers. Providing day-to-day contractual support to technical personnel in the administration of construction contracts.

1995 – 1998: Mott MacDonald Ltd., Hong Kong: Resident Engineer seconded to the Hong Kong Government, responsible for claims management for a large infrastructure/land reclamation project.

1993 – 1995: Mouchel Asia Ltd., Hong Kong: Section Engineer responsible for detailed design of ancillary buildings and structures for a new electricity generating station in Hong Kong.

1989 – 1993: L.G. Mouchel & Partners Ltd., Bath, UK: Graduate Engineer with design responsibilities. Resident Engineer for construction of river control structures in Berkshire.