

Mr Paul Whittle MSc LL.M GDipLaw Dip Adj BSc (Hons) DipSurv MRICS MCIOB FCIArb IS A QUALIFIED MEDIATOR (**Elite Mediator**)

General Information

Paul is Chartered Quantity Surveyor at Thomas Sands Consulting who specialises in providing construction contract advice and solutions, drafting claims for variations and loss and expense, provides expert witness quantum and liability reports and party representation in adjudication and mediation. In addition, Paul receives very regular mediation appointments from the RICS Dispute Resolution Service and is a Construction Adjudicator on the UKA Adjudication Panel.

Paul has spent his entire working life in construction. He began working for a construction business in 1994 working on a range of domestic, commercial and industrial projects. Paul quickly moved into a managerial position supervising small to medium sized sites, organising and controlling labour and plant resources. Paul's work progressed to managing a number of larger projects, managing many new-build homes, civil engineering and industrial projects including mechanical engineering (M&E) installations. Paul's work spanned from the creation of tenders and estimates, the management of live projects, the valuation of interim applications and agreement of final accounts.

Through both his quantity surveying practice, management of construction projects and academic and professional education, Paul has gained expert knowledge of construction, standard forms of contract, contract and construction law together in the negotiation and resolution of construction disputes.

Recent feedback:

"Mr Whittle conducted himself professionally in all respects, and I found him to be an effective mediator. In particular, I recall that he was able to inspire trust and confidence in my lay client and was comfortable talking about the technicalities and commercial realities of the underlying construction dispute. I would not hesitate to recommend Mr Whittle to act as a mediator in any case in which I was a representative." John Jessop, Barrister at 3 Paper Buildings, London."

"I was instructed as advocate at a mediation conducted by Paul. I was impressed by the way in which he quickly established a business-like rapport with both the lay clients and professional advisors. He had evidently prepared well for the mediation and had a good grasp of the issues. As the day progressed he made good use of a range of mediation skills and techniques, such as "reality testing" the clients. I would be happy to use Paul as mediator again, particularly in construction related matters." James Fryer-Spedding, Barrister at 9 St. John Street, Manchester."

Education and Professional Career

2004 - 2006 Diploma in Surveying

2005 – Appointed Company Secretary

2008 – Appointed Construction Director

2006 – 2010 BSc (Hons) Construction Management

2011 – RICS & MATA Accredited Commercial Mediator

2012 - 2014 – LLM (Master of Law) Construction Law and Practice

2013 - 2015 – Graduate Diploma in Law

2015 - MSc Quantity Surveying

2015 – 2017 Pupillage under the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators – mentored by Finola O'Farrel QC of Keating Chambers in arbitration and adjudication.

2017 - RICS Adjudication Diploma

Memberships

Chartered Quantity Surveyor

Chartered Construction Manager

Fellow - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Member - Society of Construction Law

Member - Adjudication Society

Member of ARBRIX

RICS President's Panel of Mediators - Construction Specialist Mediator

Construction Adjudicator - UKA Adjudication Panel

Other information

Paul is married with two young sons. Paul has an interest in many sports but especially golf for which he is a past county champion.

Contact

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