

## Mr Paul Whittle MSc LL.M GDipLaw BSc (Hons) DipSurv MCIOB MCI Arb

IS A QUALIFIED MEDIATOR (**Elite Mediator**)

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### General Information

Paul is based at Thomas Sands Consulting and specialises in providing contract advice, claims and quantum for variations and loss and expense, expert witness quantum reports, party representation in adjudication and mediation.

Paul Whittle is a senior quantity surveyor who 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 domestic, commercial and industrial sites. His management successfully covered many new-build homes (many with very high quality specifications), civil engineering and industrial projects including mechanical engineering (M&E) installations. Paul's work spanned from the creation of tenders and estimates on a range of projects, the management of live projects, the valuation of interim applications and agreement of final accounts pursuant to the projects.

Through both his management of projects and high levels of academic and professional education, Paul has gained expert knowledge of standard forms of contract (JCT and ECC), contract and construction law and the negotiation and resolution of construction, engineering and property disputes.

### Recent mediations:

Claims against a Main Contractor MAE specialist and a sub-contractor over defects and payment issues.

Claims against a national housebuilder for defects to a luxury property in Surrey.

Refurbishment defects to multi-million pound apartment in central London.

Electrical contractor claims for works carried out to a warehouse.

Boundary dispute focused upon Party Wall issues and infringements.

Boundary dispute focusing on removal of trees and boundary line.

Home-owner claiming for defective works carried out by a joinery company.

Roofing sub-contractor claims against large national contractor over works to a national supermarket chain.

Construction extension of time and claims arising from a new build industrial warehouse.

Employment dispute - Construction company accountant and non-payment of invoices by main contractor.

Dispute over defects and non-payment to new-build home.

Dispute over defective liner and claims for damage/losses that followed.

Dispute between Charitable Trust and Contractor over non-payment for works carried out

Dispute between contractor and homeowner over non-payment and defects.

Dispute between a property development company and the main contractor over variations.

Dispute for a lease agreement on a commercial property between the landlord and tenant.

Dispute over interim applications from a bricklaying sub-contractor to main contractor.

## **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.

## **Memberships**

Chartered Construction Manager

Member - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Member - Society of Construction Law

Member - Adjudication Society

Student member - Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

## **Recent feedback**

*"Top drawer mediator!*

*I have extensive experience in the building industry and have encountered every form of building and construction dispute from time to time, ranging from a few thousand pounds to around £50m.*

*Had I known of Mr Whittle sooner, finding the right path for resolve and at the right rate would have been achieved then as well as now.*

*Highly recommended!" - Defendant party.*

*"Both parties were adamant over their positions and the matter had dragged on for too long without any change. Paul enabled the £80,000 gulf to be resolved in a matter of hours. Both parties have had to give a bit, but the matter is now history and they have*

*both learned something important in business." - Solicitor for defendant.*

*"Paul Whittle was brilliant, before the mediation, during and after. Both party's came to satisfactory agreement which I believe would not have been possible without Paul's amazing mediation skills." Party - Litigant in person*

*'Great manner during the mediation, quickly developed rapport and was alert to emotions' - Solicitor for claimant.*

*"Used professional experience to fully reality test the parties..." - Solicitor for defendant*

*"Put my client to ease immediately, great mediator" - Solicitor for defendant*

*"Paul was extremely professional and was fully cognisant with the type of business he was mediating" - Solicitor for claimant*

*"Right choice of mediator, especially as other party was litigant in person, Paul was approachable and friendly, and did well to get the party's to settlement." Solicitor for claimant*

#### **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**

Please contact Lisa Rodger or Felicity Hamilton for Paul's availability and fee's.

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