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## SPECIALISATIONS

- Expert analysis of quantum and delay issues for both Contractors and Employers
- Extensive experience and knowledge of wide variety procurement routes,
- Contractor's commercial management and dispute resolution forums

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Appointment as Expert Witness on time and quantum issues relating to the establishment of liability of guarantor under a performance bond following insolvency of main contractor on high value complex design and build project involving refurbishment and conversion of three adjacent buildings in central London. Very favourable settlement achieved with full payment of bond monies and significant reimbursement of fees.

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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Bsc Quantity Surveying 1984; LLB (Hons.) 1997; MRICS 1988; CUEW 2006

## BRIEF SUMMARY

Crispin is particularly involved with the provision of advice on construction procurement strategies and dispute resolution, and has acted as expert witness on matters of time and quantum. He specialises in the evaluation of construction disputes and in the preparation and assessment of contractor's claims, and has worked with many of the major firms of solicitors and barristers. Crispin has also participated in successful mediations. In non-contentious matters, Crispin is also experienced in the drafting of contract amendments, collateral warranties,

## EXPERT AND CONSULTANCY ROLES

- Harlequin Court, London, Expert
- Housing Scheme, Chester Expert
- Sub and sub-sub-contractor dispute, Expert (joint)
- House in South London, Quantum report relating to defects, Expert (joint)
- House in Suffolk, Quantum report relating to defects, Expert
- Luxury house construction in Cambridgeshire, Expert
- Contribution to Expert report on quantum assessment on international arbitration on disputes on major hydro-power scheme in Peru
- Contribution to Expert Report on quantum assessment on international arbitration on dispute on construction of major middle-eastern airport
- Contribution to Expert report on time and quantum issues in connection with professional Negligence action arising from extensive delays to completion of major infrastructure project
- Contribution to Expert report on quantum assessment on dispute on oil and gas pipeline construction
- Preparation of report for government department on time and cost overruns on construction of academy school building
- Long-term secondment to major utilities contractor leading team of 15 in commercial management of gas infrastructure term contract
- Ongoing commercial management support to national contractor on a number of contracts
- Appointment as lead Quantity Surveyor and Employer's Agent on a wide variety of contracts, including residential schemes, retail facilities, production facilities, data centres, airport terminal buildings and office developments
- Preparation of numerous contractors' claims for disruption and extensions of time and associated quantum
- Independent examination of claims and counterclaims on building and civil engineering projects
- Preparation and organisation of seminars on a wide variety of topics, including procurement issues, dispute avoidance and claims management

## CAREER SUMMARY

- 2008 to date      **Associate Director - Acutus.** Acutus Programme Management Ltd is a specialist consultancy providing advisory and expert services in quantity surveying, project and programme management, forensic planning, delay and disruption analysis, and dispute resolution arenas.
- 2006 - 2008      **Associate Partner with EC Harris, London,** Working with Contract Advisory Services team, including expert witness appointments and adjudications. Work also involved the compilation and defence of contractor's claims and contractor's commercial management, including a long-term secondment in that capacity to a major national utilities contractor.
- 2005- 2006      **Senior Project Surveyor with Davis Langdon, Norwich,** Lead quantity surveyor and Employer's Agent, advising on initial costs, feasibility, cost-planning, JCT contract advice and evaluation of claims. Projects included airport terminal buildings, production facilities, residential buildings and data centres.
- 2004 - 2005      **Senior Consultant with Ridge, Oxford,** Working with legal support team involving adjudications and advice to employers and contractors in connection with the compilation and defence of claims and disputes.
- 1999 - 2004      **Senior Consultant with Davis Langdon, London,** Working with Legal Support team including appointment as expert witness (including Court-Appointed Single Joint Expert roles). Work also involved the provision of non-contentious advice in connection with the drafting of performance bonds, collateral warranties, Parent Company Guarantees, procurement advice and amendments to Standard Form of contracts.
- 1998 - 1999      **Freelance Quantity Surveyor,** Working on various projects including the production of contractor procurement documentation under the NEC form of contract
- 1997 - 1998      **Senior Manager with Coopers & Lybrand,** Specialist advisor to Insolvency Practitioners in connection with construction company investigations, administrations and administrative receiverships. Work involved advising on contract values, remaining equity and probable profit release.
- 1991 - 1997      **Course Director at Anglia Ruskin University,** Course director for quantity surveying degree provision, including lecturing and course administration, interviewing prospective students and staff.
- 1988 - 1990      **Contractor's Surveyor with Gosney Associates,** Involving negotiation and placing of sub-contracts; main materials buying; main contract and sub-contract interim valuations and cost/value reconciliations. Estimating and tendering on housing developments in London, values ranging from £250,000 - £5M.
- 1984 - 1988      **Graduate Quantity Surveyor with Gardiner & Theobald,** Traditional private practice quantity surveying services, with particular experience gained in construction of high-value residential developments in London, in addition to working on commercial developments and some large scale, pre-contract civil engineering work.