

John Blade, MCI Arb, MSc

Associate Director

John Blade has been involved in the construction industry for over 10 years, with an emphasis on managing the commercial elements of complex building and engineering projects in diverse areas of the construction industry. He has a proven track record of minimizing the costs of a project and enhancing value for money, while maintaining the required standards of quality. This experience has strengthened his contractual knowledge and a willingness to further develop existing competencies in the area of contract management and dispute resolution.

John's executive skills include leadership and initiative; experience in JCT and NEC forms of contract; negotiation toward dispute resolution; cost management and quantity surveying; awareness of complexities from different perspectives of the team; and communications and presentation skills.



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EDUCATION

Kings College London
MSc Construction Law and
Dispute Resolution, 2020

Limerick Institute of Technology
BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying,
2012

Galway Mayo Institute of
Technology
BSc Construction Economics &
Quantity Surveying, 2010

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
(MCI Arb)

Selected Project Experience

- John remains a member of a COVID-19 claims task force for a significant power plant located in the UK. Part of this role is to review the COVID-19 related claims submitted from the supply chain and to assess entitlement and quantum of such claims. The position includes heavy involvement in issues surrounding Force Majeure, Extensions of Time, Loss and Expense, Early Warning, Delay and Disruption, Loss of Productivity along with all contractual notifications required for such heads of claim.
- Involved in the quantum analysis of a \$120m claim on a canal expansion project in Central America.
- Carried out dispute resolution work for a Top Tier Main Contractor on a University Project in the UK, specifically on the drylining, Steel Framing System (SFS) and windows subcontractor packages.
- As commercial director for a specialist "cut and carve" subcontractor, was responsible for review of all contractual matters for the company and served as primary point of contact for dispute resolution on projects where site level disputes could not be resolved.
- Worked as commercial manager for a construction management consultant with a primary focus on high end luxury building projects. Successfully procured two unique detached private residences, delivered in one of North London's most exclusive areas, and assisted in the delivery of nine super prime apartments and retail units in Central London. The latter achieved the accolade of Grand Prix winner for the London Evening Standard New Homes Awards 2016.
- Worked as quantity surveyor for a top tier RC Frames and Groundworks Contractor, commercially responsible for numerous projects of ranging complexity. Notable projects include a harbor development at Brighton Marina, consisting of installation of marine sheet piled wall cofferdam for land reclamation, 3 storey RC basement 7 meters below sea level, excavation of post works to existing sea bed within the new said cofferdam and design & build of post tensioned 12 storey concrete frame using precast columns and slip formed RC cores.