

## **CURRICULUM VITAE – DON SMITH**

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### **Professional Qualifications**

Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. (1985)  
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. (1993)  
Diploma in Arbitration (College of Estate Management). (1993)  
Adjudication Masterclass – Merit Pass (2007)

### **Appointments**

R.I.C.S. West Midlands Q.S. Division Committee 1985 – 1989  
C.I.Arb West Midlands Branch Committee 1990 – 1994  
The Arbitration Club West Midlands Branch Treasurer 1994 to 2007,  
Chairman 2006 to 2007.  
The ARBRIX Club 1992 – present.  
Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators.  
Freeman of the City of London.

### **Summary of Experience**

#### **March 1996 - Present**

Resigned as a Partner with GVA Grimley and started my own practice specialising in dispute resolution and post contract surveying services in the construction industry.

Arbitration – Receives regular appointments from the R.I.C.S. and directly from the parties to act as Arbitrator in wide range of construction disputes.

Adjudication – Since the enactment of the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, has acted in the capacity of Adjudicator in over 300 adjudications. Has also acted for clients in the preparation of notices and submissions in prosecuting and defending adjudication proceedings. Receives regular appointments as Adjudicator from R.I.C.S., C.I.Arb., A.I.C.A. and C.I.C. nominating bodies, as well as by agreement of the parties.

Expert Witness – Has acted as expert witness at litigation and arbitration including preparation of reports, meetings of experts, preparation of experts' joint reports and giving oral evidence. The principal subjects of expertise are, extensions of time, direct loss and/or expense, measurement and valuation of construction works and the interpretation and implementation of standard forms of construction contracts.

Dispute Management – Advises clients with regard to entitlements under contracts and has experience in the preparation of and defence

of extension of time, direct loss and/or expense claims and the settlement of interim and final accounts.

Post Contract Surveying. – Acts for a number of clients in the valuation, negotiation and settlement of complicated and contentious Final Accounts.

**1984 - 1996**

Joined the Quantity Surveying practice of Lindsay R Macdonald & Associates and became a Partner in 1985. Specialised in post contract disputes, final accounts, expert witness work and providing advice to Receivers and Liquidators of construction and civil engineering companies. The practice merged with GVAGrimley (formerly Grimley J R Eve) in 1988. Became partner responsible for the Building Consultancy, (Quantity Surveying and Building Surveying) in its Midlands Region, co-ordinating and acting as expert in several major construction disputes at arbitration and litigation, advising Receivers and Liquidators of insolvent construction related companies, and advising clients on building contracts and procurement. In May 1995 moved to the London office (although still resident in the Midlands) to become National Head of Claims Disputes and Defects in Building Consultancy and to lead Arbitration and Litigation Support nationally.

**1981 – 1983**

Project surveyor in Saudi Arabia for Sir Bruce White Wolfe Barry & Partners on Dammam Port. Duties included interim valuation final accounts and claims on a variety of building, road, rail and marine contracts.

**1979 – 1981**

Projects surveyor in Iraq for Kier International/Monberg & Thorsen J.V. on 80 buildings and 3 cooling towers at Basrah Petrochemical Complex No. 1. Duties included interim valuations, final account negotiating change orders and claims. The final account and claim were settled in Dusseldorf in 1981, due to the Iran/Iraq war, which disrupted the project at practical completion.

**1976 – 1978**

Regional Surveyor rising to Group Chief Surveyor with Kool Aluminium Pty Ltd in South Africa. Was responsible for all commercial and Q.S. functions nationally, controlling a team of Q.S.'s working on major sub-contracts for suspended ceilings, facades, sunscreens and architectural metalwork.

**1973 – 1975**

Project surveyor rising to Regional Quantity Surveyor with R.H. Morris (Natal) Pty Ltd in South Africa, working on a number of building projects.

**1964 – 1972**

Trainee and assistant quantity surveyor in Scotland, passed R.I.C.S. final examination in 1971.