

CURRICULUM VITAE OF J N TAIT
MA CEng. FICE FCI Arb. CARb. Chartered Arbitrator
Mediator, Conciliator and Adjudicator

Personal Details

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Academic and Professional Qualifications

1965 BA (Cantab.); 1966 MA (Cantab.); 1971 MICE; 1979 ACI Arb; 1984 FCI Arb;
1993 FICE.

Education

1955 - 1961 Blyth Grammar School, Northumberland, UK
1962 - 1966 Downing College, Cambridge, UK

Career

1995 - Principal, J N Tait Associates, Construction Consultants, specializing in arbitration, mediation, adjudication and dispute management. Practicing Arbitrator, Adjudicator, Mediator, Conciliator and Expert
1981 - 1994 Sindall Construction Ltd. Head of Department concerned with the settlement of disputes arising out of a wide range of building and civil engineering contracts and sub-contracts. Director from 1984. Also responsible for Purchasing, Sub-contracting and Quality Assurance.
1973 - 1981 William Sindall Ltd. Civil Engineering Contracts Manager.
1968 - 1972 Costain Civil Engineering. Civil Engineer.
1966 - 1968 Richard Costain Ltd. Graduate under Agreement; Junior Engineer.

Fields of Construction Experience

- **Building** : Hospitals, offices, educational establishments, factories and similar buildings involving a large number of sub-contractors and a high degree of mechanical and electrical services; refurbishment of historic buildings; high quality residences; local authority and private housing.
- **Engineering** : Reinforced concrete and water retaining structures; water treatment works and water towers; sewage treatment works, sewerage schemes and pumping stations; groundworks; road improvement schemes and infrastructure works.

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Dispute Resolution Experience

- Appointed as Arbitrator / Adjudicator / Mediator / Conciliator/ Independent Expert on numerous occasions since 1988 in construction (200) and consumer (500+) disputes.
- Included in the list of Dispute Resolution Board Members maintained by the ICE.
- Included in the Lists of Arbitrators maintained by the ICE, RIBA, CI Arb and CIOB.
- Included in the Lists of Construction Adjudicators maintained by the ICE, CI Arb, RICS, RIBA, AICA CEDR, CIOB and CIC.
- Included in the Lists of Mediators maintained by the CIOB and RESOLEX-CCMG; in the ICE's List of Construction Mediators and Conciliators and in the Construction Conciliation Group's (CCG) panel of Conciliators.
- Has also acted as Expert Witness and Single Joint Expert and has carried out Expert Determinations and an Early Neutral Evaluation..
- Acted as Principal Presenter to a Dispute Board under a FIDIC contract in Eastern Europe.
- Acting as Dispute Resolution Expert on two road contracts and as sole Dispute Adjudication Board on one road contract in Eastern Europe

Professional Activities

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators:- Member of National Council 1993 -1998. Member of Executive Board and Chairman of Professional Committee 1997-1998. Member of Board of Management and Chairman of Panels Management Group 2008-2010.
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, East Anglia Branch, Committee Member 1984 to 2004, Hon. Treasurer 1988 - 1989, Hon. Secretary 1989 - 1991, Branch Chairman 1991 - 1993.
- Institution of Civil Engineers:- Member of Arbitration Advisory Panel from 1999 – 2005 (Chairman 2002-to 2005) and Chairman of Arbitrator's Review Panel 2002-2003.
- Member of Society of Construction Arbitrators and Society of Construction Law
- Institution of Civil Engineers, East Anglian Association:- Committee Member 1980 - 1989, Branch Chairman 1987 - 1988
- From 1992 - 1994, Member of Building Employers Confederation Contracts Committee and of the Good Practice Panel of the National Joint Consultative Committee (NJCC) for the Building Industry.
- Regular lecturer to professional and other bodies on topics of contract law, construction contracts, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution.
- Tutor/Examiner, College of Estate Management - Post Graduate Diploma in Arbitration.
- Tutor/Examiner, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators on various Arbitration and Adjudication courses.
- Associate Fellow, Downing College, Cambridge
- Member of Executive Committee, Downing College Association.

Publications

- Author of "Using the Institution of Civil Engineers' Arbitration Procedure", *Municipal Engineer, March 1993* (Winner of the James Hill Prize)
- Joint author of "The Institution of Civil Engineers' Conciliation Procedure 1994", *Civil Engineering Surveyor, November 1994. (re-printed in Construction Law Journal, Vol. 12, No.5 1996)*
- Author of "The ICE Arbitration Procedure 2006", *ICE Proceedings - Management, Procurement and Law, August 2007.*