

**CURRICULUM VITAE – LEIGH BELASCO**

Director, Consultant, Expert Witness, Adjudicator, Arbitrator

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SUMMARY

Leigh is a highly experienced Expert Witness, Construction Adjudicator, Commercial Director, Engineer and Party Representative specialising in both construction and process, mechanical, electrical and controls work. Leigh has experience across a wide range of industries including building construction, luxury and super-prime residences and hotels, water, wastewater, pharmaceutical, rail, petrochemical, food / beverage, aviation, waste to energy, power generation and renewable energy. Leigh has worked extensively in the UK, USA, Saudi Arabia and Europe.

Leigh is an RICS-accredited Expert Witness and has been instructed in over 100 matters in the High Court, regional Courts and arbitration, and adjudication proceedings, instructed by both solicitors and private companies.

Leigh presently sits on the RICS President's Panel for construction adjudications, as well as the IChemE President's Panel, the Construction Industry Council panel, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Panel and UK Adjudicators Panel. Leigh also sits as an Arbitrator on the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators business dispute arbitration panel. Leigh has been instructed in over 200 adjudications.

EXPERTISE

- Expert in quantum of mechanical, electrical and process works.
- Expert in quantum of construction disputes and claims including extensions of time.
- Expert in professional negligence cases involving professional consultants.
- Expert in quantum of defective works.
- Expert in technical engineering disputes.
- Experienced Chemical Engineer.
- Adjudications, both sitting as Adjudicator or party representative.
- Assessment and resolution of complex and difficult final accounts.
- Procurement of highly technical projects and specialist technologies.
- Manages a portfolio of housing disrepair surveys (on framework arrangements).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Commercial Director for Joint Venture projects of over £600m.
- Commercial Director for a £120m/year portfolio of construction projects.
- Experience in circa 200+ adjudications and arbitrations.
- Experienced Senior Manager, Commercial Director and Board Director.
- Managed procurement of circa £1bn of capital spend.
- Significant experience in the conduct of claims up to £30m in value.
- Set up and management of Joint Ventures and Consortia.
- Preparation of a £10m claim for loss and expense at a retirement village.

RECENT EXPERT AND CONSULTANCY ROLES

Leigh has been instructed on a number of disputes, a selection of which includes:

Expert Witness

- Claim for damages for defective pool construction in a luxury house, £600k.
- Opining as to professional negligence of an architect (preceding case).
- Claim for damages due to defective civil construction in a luxury house, £1.7m.
- Opining as to professional negligence of an architect (preceding case).
- Claim for professional negligence, Super-Prime residence, London, circa £40m.
- Claim for flood damages due to alleged defective controls in a luxury house, £500k.
- Assessment of final account for finishing/decorating works to luxury house, £300k.
- Claim for damages for a defective construction of a pool in a luxury house, £200k.
- Extension of time assessment for a major DIY retailer.
- Claim for negligence and construction defects at an agricultural factory, £1.5m.
- Dispute under the Landlord and Tenant Act in respect of roof repairs, £90k.
- Claim for damages and fraud following termination of contract, £4m.
- Claim for damages for defective drainage to a property extension, £5k.
- Assessment of building defects for a major supermarket, £150k.
- Expert in a domestic building dispute in a claim of circa £100k
- Claim by major supermarket against a contractor for defective works, circa £125k.
- Building dispute in respect of incorrect foundation construction, £50k.
- Building defects in a criminal (fraud) trial, circa £30k.
- Variations and loss and expense in a final account, £450k.
- Assessment of the conduct of a Contract Administrator and assessment, circa £100k.
- Professional negligence of a Contract Administrator/QS, luxury development, £200k.
- Remedial costs associated with a large farmhouse following a fire, £1.5m.
- Quantum of construction defects for insurance purposes in a prison refurbishment.
- Professional negligence / misrepresentation claims against a Project Manager, £200k.
- Damages due to a defective sewerage treatment plant at a nursing home, £150k.
- Liability for negligence in the heating system for a Listed Building refurbishment.
- Valuation of decorative works done to a farmhouse in a property sale dispute, £100k.
- Valuation of loss of profit following a contractor's termination, £30k.
- Valuation of damages following termination of a contract, £1m.
- Assessment of breach of Building Regulations for balustrades in a mansion house.
- Assessment of construction costs in a criminal (fraud) case, £4m.

- Assessment of a final account quantum for a food production facility, £250k.
- Claim for professional negligence on a IT system for a major new hospital, circa £500k.
- Assessment of multiple claims by a contractor against Crossrail due to late designs.
- Assessment of extensions of time for a contractor in liquidation, luxury London hotel.
- Quantum assessment for multiple site-wide defects at a UK university.
- Quantum of damages in a façade collapse due to alleged contractor negligence, £1.5m.
- Assessment of costs of defects rectification at a London university.
- Assessment of a contractor's extension of time and variation claim, £2m.
- Assessment of a claim for £10k building defects.
- Assessment of a claim for construction costs of £200k in a family law case, Dundee.
- Assessment of £300k Council charges for a group of residents in Edinburgh.
- Over 100 appointments.

Specialist Advice

- Major development at Elephant & Castle, London re a £3m claim from a contractor.
- Contractual issues on a £20m runway project, Heathrow Airport.
- £5m final account assessment for a water attenuation project, Gatwick Airport.
- Contractual implications of HVAC upgrades, Heathrow Airport.
- Liabilities for building risks, Major office conversion, City of London.
- Advice re a claim for £5m in a sewage treatment works, Channel Islands.
- Advice on multiple claims for a major Joint Venture on Crossrail, London.
- Specialist advice for a major painting and finishing contractor, multiple sites, London.
- Advice re a claim for £5m for groundworks in a £1bn development in West London.
- Claim for replacement finishing/decoration following a flood, super-prime, London.
- Advice on contractual interpretation on a rail electrification project.
- Advice on contractual interpretation of NEC defined cost in a rail electrification project.
- Advice in respect of a marine wind farm contract development.
- Specialist advice in a dispute re painting/decorating, super-prime apartment, London.
- Contractual dispute re spray painting of the steelwork for an agricultural building.
- Setting up of specialist marine power consultancy appointments under FIDIC.
- Over 150 appointments.

Adjudicator

- Multiple disputes (£1.2m) between a contractor and subcontractor concerning the valuation of a variation account, the valuation of defective works and payment.
- Two consecutive disputes over a £35m sub-contract with £3m of variations to be decided along with a decision on when practical completion was achieved and other matters. Reported in the High Court.
- An £80k dispute between a charity and contractor concerning defective works to a swimming pool facility, and consequential damages.
- A £50k dispute between a healthcare trust and a contractor concerning defective landscaping works and consequential damages.
- Adjudicator in a £40k dispute between an educational trust and a contractor concerning breach of contract and damages in respect of the replacement of an entrance gate.
- A £50k dispute between a property developer and consultant concerning a breach of appointment and damages for remedial works to a residential property.

- A dispute between a contractor and subcontractor concerning defective works and breach of contract relating to the construction of a car park and landscaping.
- A dispute between a contractor and subcontractor concerning delay and extensions of time relating to a painting and finishing works at a hotel refurbishment.
- A £150k dispute between a property developer and a contractor concerning breach of contract, defects and damages in connection with alleged defective windows.
- A dispute between a property developer and a contractor concerning partial non-payment of a profit-share agreement.
- A dispute over finishing and painting works to a pool facility.
- Adjudicator in a dispute in respect of a £125k variation to mechanical sub-contract.
- Multiple disputes concerning non-payment of applications for payment.
- Over 30 appointments.

Adjudication Party Representative

- Representation of a contractor for a petrochemical plant dispute, £3m.
- Representation of a contractor for decorating/finishing works, super prime, London.
- Representation of a contractor for a petrochemical plant dispute, £1.1m.
- Representation of a contractor for a petrochemical plant dispute, £0.5m.
- Representation of a contractor on a £0.5m dispute re painting works, London.
- Representation of a contractor on a £0.8m dispute re finishing/painting works, London.
- Over 200 appointments.

EXPERIENCE OF CONTRACTS

Leigh has extensive experience and knowledge of the following contracts:

- All JCT standard forms (including contracts and sub-contracts).
- The Engineering and Construction Contract NEC 2, NEC 3 and NEC 4.
- IChemE Model Conditions of Contract.
- GC Works Contracts and Sub-Contracts.
- FIDIC.
- PFI forms of contract.
- Various bespoke conditions of contract.
- Collateral Warranties, Bonds and Consultant agreements.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Adjudicator on the RICS, Institute of Chemical Engineers, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and UK Adjudicators nominating bodies.
- Investigator with the CIOB's Professional Conduct Secretariat.
- Chartership Assessor with the CIOB's Professional Review Secretariat.
- Fellowship Assessor with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Master of Chemical Engineering, First Class (Distinction) (**MEng (Hons)**).

- Chartered Chemical Engineer with the UK Engineering Council (**CEng**).
- Chartered Engineer with European Federation of National Engineering (**EurIng**).
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (**FCI Arb**).
- Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (**FRICS**).
- Fellow of the Institute of Chemical Engineers (**FIChemE**).
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building (**FCIOB**).
- Fellow of Prime Dispute (**FPD**).
- Postgraduate Diploma in Adjudication Law (**DipAdj**).
- Postgraduate Diploma in International Arbitration Law (**DipIntArb**).
- Advanced Professional Award in Expert Witness Evidence (**APAWE**).
- Associate of the Academy of Experts (**AMAE**)
- Chartered Construction Manager (Chartered Institute of Building).
- Chartered Quantity Surveyor (RICS).
- RICS Accredited Expert Witness.
- Member of the Society of Construction Law.
- Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
- Advanced Certificate in Adjudication Law.
- Advanced Certificate in UK Arbitration Law.
- Advanced Certificate in International Arbitration Law.
- Alumni of Henley Business School – Executive Leadership.

CAREER SUMMARY

June 2014 to Present	Director, Belasco Associates Limited
June 2014 - June 2015	Commercial Director, Imtech UK/Laing O'Rourke JV
Feb 2014 - June 2014	Business Leader and General Manager, Imtech Airports
Sept 2013 - Feb 2014	Commercial Director, Imtech Airports
2010 - 2013	Head of Commercial (UK), Imtech Process Ltd
2005 - 2010	Senior Commercial Manager, Imtech Process Ltd
2001 - 2005	Senior Tendering Manager, MEICA Process Ltd
2001	Chemical Engineer, Thames Water Products Ltd
1999 - 2001	Chemical Engineer, Thames Water
1996 - 1999	Chemical Engineer, Memtech UK Ltd (Specialist contractor)

OTHER INFORMATION

Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators. s. Mentor and councillor for quantity surveyors undertaking the RICS Assessment of Professional Competence. References can be provided on request.