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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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- Post Graduate Diploma in Adjudication
- Post Graduate Diploma in Construction Law & Adjudication
- BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying

PROFILE

Amy has over fifteen years' experience in the construction and engineering industry. She is regularly involved in dispute resolution for both contractors and client organisations offering quantum expert witness evidence across sectors such as energy from waste, residential, commercial, industrial, education and healthcare.

Amy began her career as a quantity surveyor with an electrical subcontractor, gaining seven years of experience across building, civil engineering, and mechanical and electrical works. She then moved to a professional consultancy, where she managed commercial duties on a diverse range of projects, from small-scale developments to those valued at up to £180 million.

In addition to her expert work, Amy is also regularly appointed as an adjudicator.

PANEL MEMBERSHIPS

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Presidential Panel
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Low Value Disputes Panel
- Construction Industry Council Low Value Disputes MAP Panel
- Adjudicator (Consumer Home Improvements Dispute Service)
- RICS Consumer Home Improvements Dispute Service
- UK Adjudicators

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

- Appointed as expert in an arbitration for a hotel development in the Caribbean relating to valuation of loss and expense and variations.
- Provided a number of expert reports and joint statements for litigation proceedings relating to repairs to highways and highways disputes.
- Provided two expert reports for an adjudication relating to a responsive repairs and maintenance contract for gas works. The dispute centred around valuation of the works undertaken in relation to the partnering agreement, and validation of the quantum of the works properly undertaken.
- Provided advice and an expert report for mediation proceedings for a defects related damages claim.
- Provided an expert report for adjudication proceedings relating to claims for prolongation, defects and re-measurement of the main contract works. The report included undertaking re-measurement and re-valuation of a significant number of items in dispute between the client and a contractor, including mechanical and electrical works.
- Provided an expert report for adjudication proceedings relating to principle and valuation of additional works under a JCT Design and Build Contract.
- Provided advice and an expert report for mediation proceedings relating to delay, loss and expense and variations.

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SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- Provided quantum assistance in the compilation of an expert witness report in arbitration relating to demolition and rebuilding of aviation storage tanks, rectification of defects and pricing of an enhanced and increased inspection and maintenance scheme.
- Provided quantum assistance in the compilation of an expert witness report and valuation for a £60m arbitration relating to remedial works to diaphragm walls in South-East England.
- Provided quantum assistance in the compilation of an expert witness report and valuation of a contractor's claim for contract works, variations and loss and expense relating to the mechanical and electrical elements of a large industrial anaerobic digestion, gasification and waste facility.
- Provided quantum assistance in the compilation of an expert witness report and valuation for large scale remedial works on a large scheme of apartments and retail units, including the replacement of cladding systems.
- Provided quantum assistance in the compilation of an expert witness report and valuation for a highways project including development of a new relief road and associated civil engineering works.
- Provided support to the main contractor in adjudication proceedings as to the proper valuation of a series of variations and a loss and expense claim relating to a new research facility in Manchester.

CLAIMS PREPARATION, EVALUATION AND DEFENCE EXPERIENCE

- Assisted a contractor in preparation of claims and counter claims relating to additional work and defects.
- Assisted an employer in collation and assessment of counter claims against a contractor including defective works.
- Assisting a main contractor in collation and verification of sums claimed for compensation events under an NEC Option A contract. The works included quantification of Defined Costs and assessment of any time-related costs concurrently. In addition, fully auditable records were produced for submission of the compensation events to ensure maximum recovery. The compensation events compiled and verified equated to approximately £20 million, with an overall project value of £120 million.
- Provided assessment, evaluation and defence of five sub-contractor claims under NEC sub-contracts Options A
 and B. Following assessment and recommendation to the main contractor without prejudice meetings were held
 and all claims resolved without the need for formal dispute resolution procedures.
- Assisted an employer in assessment of a contractor's claim for delay and loss and expense. Including a high-level delay analysis and valuation and verification of the associated loss and expense costs.

MAJOR PROJECT ROLES

- Carried out quantity surveying duties for a main contractor for the construction of a new teaching block and extension to existing school hall. The teaching block comprised four science laboratories with specialist equipment.
- Carried out quantity surveying duties for a main contractor for the construction of a new swimming pool within the school boundary.
- Carried out client-side quantity surveying duties for a local authority on a framework agreement consisting of works to existing housing stock including repairs and maintenance works.
- Provided Employer's Agent and quantity surveying services for five individual anaerobic digestion facilities for the civil engineering and process plant and equipment works. Services included pre-financial close advice and postcontract EA works.
- Provided client-side quantity surveying duties for the refurbishment and extension of an existing Grade II listed building, upgrading the existing building into BREEAM 'excellent' rates offices, and providing a restaurant and wine bar space in the new extension.
- Provided quantity surveying services for a sub-contractor for the fit out of an airport terminal and adjoining Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Express hotel.
- Provided quantity surveying services for an employer for the reinstatement works at a waste recycling plant following a high-impact fire. Works included correspondence and coordination with the relevant insurance company to ensure full recovery of expenditure.