



Specialisms

- Quantification of Claims.
- Forensic Delay Analysis.
- Independent Expert Reports.
- Adjudication Party Representative.
- Adjudication Decision Writing.
- Arbitration Award Writing.

Professional Qualifications

- Chartered Quantity Surveyor (MRICS).
- Chartered Construction Manager (MCIQB).
- Professional Dispute Resolver (FCIArb).
- Registered Adjudicator (RICS, CIArb, CIC).
- Registered Arbitrator (CIArb).

Academic Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree^[1].
- Diploma in Senior Construction Management.
- Diploma in Higher Education in Law.
- Diploma in Construction Adjudication.
- Certificate in Higher Education in Law.
- Diploma in Arbitration (UK).
- Level 7 BTEC in Advanced Professional Forensic Delay Analysis in Construction

OVERVIEW

Mark has over 30 years of experience in construction. As a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with the RICS, a Chartered Construction Manager with the CIOB, and a Professional Dispute Resolver with the CIArb, Mark specialises in the field of Construction Claims, Forensic Delay Analysis, and Dispute Resolution.

Mark has successfully handled over 500 claims for Employers/Clients, Contractors, and Subcontractors in respect of avoidance and resolution of disputes arising under JCT, NEC and bespoke forms of construction and engineering contracts.

Mark accepts appointments to act as Delay & Quantum Expert, is a Registered Adjudicator on panels for the RICS and CIArb, and is a Registered Arbitrator for the CIArb.

General Experience

- Acting as the Adjudicator and issuing awards under the RICS Consumer Dispute Service.
- Acting as the Adjudicator and issuing awards under the CIArb Low Value Construction Adjudication service.
- Acting as a Delay & Quantum Expert in the Adjudication of construction and engineering disputes.
- Acted as Adjudication Party Representative for the Referring Party and Responding Party in approximately 40 adjudications as of December 2025.
- Quantified approximately 500 construction and engineering claims as of December 2025, including but not limited to claims concerning: internal partitioning, ceilings, mechanical and electrical, joinery, painting, external cladding, structural steel framing, warehouse racking, concrete reinforcement, screeding, rendering, glazed balustrading, groundworks (including excavation, piling and concrete reinforced slabs).
- As of December 2025, over 100 Contract Review Risk Registers were provided in relation to NEC3/4, JCT, and Bespoke forms of contract & subcontracts. Advice on the successful negotiation of terms during the agreement process was followed in most contract reviews.

[1] Upper Second Class Honours.

Selected Relevant Experience

Adjudicator Appointments

- Acted as the Adjudicator under the CI Arb Low Value Construction Disputes Service, between a Contractor and its Client, which concerned a dispute over the true value of disputed variations.
- Acted as the Adjudicator under the CI Arb Low Value Construction Disputes Service, between a Contractor and its Client, which concerned a dispute over the payment dates and whether the Contractor was entitled to sums claimed in relation to a notified sum.
- Acted as the Adjudicator under the RICS Consumer Home Improvement Disputes Service between a Consumer and a Trader, which concerned whether the Consumer was entitled to their claims for damages for breach of contract, and their claims for various works to be remediated.

Advocacy – Adjudication Representative

- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for a concrete reinforcement contractor, Referring Party, who was in dispute with its client over the extent of its liability for design and whether it was entitled to its claim for £700,000 in variations. I quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the Adjudication, and the Adjudicator found in favour of my client.
- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for a structural framing contractor Responding Party, who was in £1.7M dispute with its client over whether it was entitled to terminate the contract on grounds of an anticipatory breach of contract by its client, and what sum was due to whom following termination to include a valuation for contract works, variations, claims for defects, and damages arising from the termination. I quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the proceedings, and the Adjudicator found in favour of my client.
- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for a structural framing and partitioning & ceilings contractor, Referring Party, who was in a £245,000 dispute with its client over the true value of the payment due for contract works, variations and loss & expense. I quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the proceedings, and achieved a settlement which ended the Adjudication early.



- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for a drylining and plastering contractor, Referring Party, who in a £725,000 valuation dispute concerning the true value of the works carried out to include contract works, variations and whether the contractor's payment application was validly served in accordance with the contract. I quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the Adjudication, and matter resolved by settlement which ended the Adjudication early.
- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for a cladding contractor, Referring Party, who was in a £285,000 dispute with its client concerning the true value of the payment due following termination for repudiatory breach, to include works carried out up to the date of termination, variations, damages caused by the termination, and the existence of a wrongful repudiation by the contractor's client. I quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the proceedings, and the Adjudicator found in favour of my client.
- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for a structural framing and drylining contractor, Referring Party, who was in dispute with its client over whether it was entitled to payment of £56,000 as the notified sum. I quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the Adjudication, and the Adjudicator found in favour of my client.
- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for a Fire stopping and partitioning contractor, Referring Party, who was in a £220,000 dispute with its client concerning the true value of works carried out to include contract works, variations, and additional prelims & labour disruption costs as damages. I quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the Adjudication, and matter resolved settlement which ended the Adjudication early.
- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for an insulation and fire-stopping contractor Referring Party, who was in dispute with its client over whether it was entitled to payment of £33,000 as the notified sum. I quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the Adjudication, and the Adjudicator found in favour of my client.
- Acted as the Adjudication party representative for a Masonry contractor, Referring Party, who was in dispute with its client concerning the existence of a contract by conduct and a claim for £96,000 in damages for the Responding Party's repudiation. I made a case for the existence of a contract through the parties' conduct, quantified the claims, drafted all submissions, represented the contractor throughout the Adjudication, and the Adjudicator found in favour of my client.

Expert Witness

- Acted as Quantum and Delay Expert, under instruction from the Responding Party in an Adjudication, who was the Employer in a £300,000 dispute concerning the payment due to the contractor for compensation events claimed under a construction & engineering contract. I drafted an independent expert report on matters concerning quantum & delay to assist the Adjudicator.

Professional Memberships

- Chartered Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS).
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb).
- Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Builders (MCIOB).
- Member of the Conflict Avoidance Pledge.
- Member of the Conflict Avoidance Coalition.
- Member of the Adjudication Society.
- Joint Author of Construction Industry Collective Voice (CICV) Practice Notes <https://cicvforum.co.uk/downloads/>
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Committee Member.
- Fellow of the Institute of Construction Claims Practitioners.
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Vice Chairman of the North West Branch.

Panel Memberships

- Low-value disputes Adjudicator's Panel for the CI Arb.
- Consumer Home Improvements disputes Adjudicators Panel for the RICS.
- Business Arbitration Scheme panel of Arbitrators for the CI Arb.
- Construction Industry Council panel of Adjudicators for LVD MAP construction disputes.

Employment History

- **2020-Current: Managing Director** - *Holden Smith Consultancy Ltd.*
 - Construction Contract Consultant specialising in Claims Quantum, Forensic Delay Analysis, Dispute Resolution.
- **2018-2020: Commercial Manager** – *GWN Contracts Ltd.*
 - Commercial management, Construction Management, and Quantity Surveying activities.

- **2015-2018: Managing Director** – *GWN Contracts Ltd.*
 - Commercial management, Construction Management, and Quantity Surveying activities.
- **2012-2015: Commercial Director** – *GWN Contracts Ltd.*
 - Commercial management, Construction Management, and Quantity Surveying activities.
- **2003-2012: Contract Manager:** – *GWN Contracts Ltd.*
 - Commercial management, Construction Management, and Quantity Surveying activities.
- **1996-2003: Plasterer Supervisor** – *Medium sized Contractor.*