

# PAUL TAPLIN

BSc(Hons) DipArb MRICS MCIOB MCI Arb

**POSITION** DIRECTOR  
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**DATE OF BIRTH** 1969



## KEY FACTS

- ✓ Chartered Quantity Surveyor
- ✓ Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Panel Adjudicator
- ✓ CEDR Accredited Mediator
- ✓ Cardiff University Accredited Expert Witness
- ✓ Committee Member of the Adjudication Society

## SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Director specialising in the evaluation and quantification of construction contract claims. Also regularly appointed as Adjudicator, Mediator and Expert Witness (Quantum).

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Afghanistan, Iraq, Ireland, Georgia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, UAE.

## RELEVANT COMMISSIONS

### Expert Witness

- ⊕ Providing advice to a Korean Contractor in respect of their substantial claim entitlements for work carried out on a Power Station in Oman.
- ⊕ Numerous appointments as Expert Witness for Quantum on a variety of projects.
- ⊕ Appointment as Expert Witness for Quantum in respect of a dispute between a major supplier and a roofing subcontractor with regard to a claim in the High Court for loss of profits and damage to reputation.
- ⊕ Appointment as Expert Witness for Quantum in respect of the construction of a large manufacturing plant which was the subject of adjudication proceedings.
- ⊕ Appointment as Expert Witness for Quantum supporting a national Solicitor in respect of adjudication on behalf of a Local Authority.
- ⊕ Providing support to a Lead Expert in respect of a large dispute on an 800 apartment high rise complex in Al Nahda, Sharjah, UAE.

- ⊕ Appointment as Expert Witness for Quantum in respect of a valuation dispute between the Employer and the Main Contractor on a 120km Oil pipeline across South Wales.

**Adjudication, Mediation and Arbitration**

- ⊕ Practicing Adjudicator on the CI Arb panel.
- ⊕ Involvement in over 150 adjudication proceedings (as Adjudicator and Party Representative) relating to payment, valuation and contract interpretation disputes under a variety of building, civil engineering, mechanical and electrical engineering and international forms of contract. Including representation of the Referring Party in the reported and widely publicised adjudication case of *RSL (South West) Ltd v Stansell Ltd* (June 2003) concerning issues of natural justice.
- ⊕ Commission Manager for a large arbitration involving a dispute over quantum on the construction and refurbishment of 80 houses for a local authority.
- ⊕ Appointed as Mediator on numerous occasions (by joint agreement of the parties) usually between Contractors and Employers.
- ⊕ Assisted legal team in a complex three party litigation which went to Mediation in the first instance concerning the Engineers liability on a scheme in Swansea.

**Claim Preparation & Contractual Advice**

- ⊕ Establishment and administration of various contracts under the IChemE Green Book Form of Contract (with target costs and gain/pain share formulae) on behalf of Thames Water over a 4 year secondment period.
- ⊕ Preparation of a \$7m Loss and Expense Claim for a Turkish Contractor carrying out works on the construction of a new US Army Base in Constansa, Romania.
- ⊕ Preparation of a £12m Loss and Expense Claim in respect of construction works on a £55m SuperYacht for a large Dockyard.
- ⊕ Providing contractual and dispute resolution advice to a range of clients including the Engineer on a dual carriageway scheme in the county of Wicklow, Ireland.
- ⊕ Provision of general contractual advice to a number of different clients covering a vast range of standard and bespoke contractual arrangements including JCT Main Contract Forms, DOM/1, DOM/2, JCT DSC, ICE, FIDIC and I Chem E.
- ⊕ Preparation of a \$6m Loss and Expense Claim for a Turkish Contractor in respect of works carried out on a Sour Gas Injection Facility in Kazakhstan.
- ⊕ Preparation of an 84m AED claim for an American Aero Communications company engaged on the Dubai Airport.

**Other**

- ⊕ Appointed as Contract Administrator and Quantity Surveyor on the refurbishment of a private dwelling in London.
- ⊕ Acting as assistant to the Project Manager on a £60m redevelopment of the former Duke of York's Headquarters, London where Employer was appointed as Project Manager's under the ECC Form of Management Contract. Predominantly responsible for financial, procurement and contractual elements.
- ⊕ Various internal/external training seminars.

**SECTOR EXPERIENCE**

<b>Airports</b>	Bristol Airport, Dubai Airport, Heathrow T5.
<b>Sports</b>	City Sportive Sports Stadium in Beirut, Lebanon. Exeter Rugby Club, Cheltenham Recreation Centre.
<b>Highways</b>	Waterford Ring Road, Ireland. Reighton By-Pass North Yorkshire. A40 Ross-on-Wye Dual carriageway, South Wales. Amazon Access Road, South Wales. N11 Dual Carriageway, Wicklow, Ireland.
<b>Residential</b>	Berkeley Homes, London. Penwith District Council, Cornwall. Residential schemes in Bristol, Hereford and London.
<b>Power Stations</b>	Connah's Quay, Little Barford, Aberthaw, South Wales.
<b>Defence</b>	US Army bases in Bagram, Afghanistan, Baghdad, Ankara and Constansa (Romania).
<b>Hospitals</b>	Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. Guy's Hospital, London. Hexham Hospital, Newcastle. Kidderminster Hospital. ANA Military Hospital, Afghanistan.
<b>Marine</b>	Superyacht construction Devonport Dockyard (Plymouth). Sea defence construction at Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset.
<b>Office/Courts</b>	Sun Life Building Bristol, Bristol County Courts. Avon and Somerset Magistrates Court.

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Olympic Tower Romania.  
K2 Office development, Leeds.  
BT Stadium House, Cardiff.  
Timberland European HQ, Slough.

## Hotels

Hotel construction in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

## Maintenance

Network Mains renewal programme across Bristol.

## Pipelines

Water pipelines in Somerset and the Thames Water catchment area.  
Oil pipelines in Turkey and South Wales.  
Gas installations in Kazakhstan.

## Treatment Works

Water and Sewage Treatment Works for Thames Water, Wessex Water and Bristol Water.

## Leisure

Aspers Casino, Swansea.  
Margam Park, South Wales.  
Gwynn Hall, Neath, South Wales.  
Sadlers Wells Theatre, London.  
British Library, London.

## Mixed Use

Redevelopment of the former Duke of Yorks Headquarters, Sloane Square, London.

## Education

Millfield School, Somerset, Lankshill School, Winchester, Heaton Manor School, Newcastle.

## Major Civils

Immersed Tube Tunnel, Conwy, North Wales.