

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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**MAIN DISCIPLINE**      Quantity Surveying

**OTHER SKILLS**        Adjudication  
Expert Witness

A Quantity Surveyor, with chartered status within the construction industry, a Masters degree in business administration and a law degree. Experienced in commercial management, the preparation and defence of claims and the preparation and adoption of commercial control systems for commercial organisations. Has prepared expert witness reports and acted as expert in a number of construction disputes. Started Centra Consult LLP in September 2007, previously director of Driver Consult's Scottish Office, having joined them from Trett Consulting, where after seven years, he was Regional Director running their Scottish office.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Expert Reports Includes:

- Mechanical Installation**      Expert report for an ongoing Arbitration arising from a Contract completed some 15 years ago. Original Arbitrator retired and Claimant has substantially revised the case
- Tunnelling Contract**            Expert role on quantum issues arising from a major tunnelling project for an employer. The claimant is indicating the need for matters to be settled by arbitration.
- PFI School, Works Contract**    Expert report on quantum issues for a contractor building a single secondary school. The dispute having gone through initial procedure within the Scottish Commercial Court, settled before I was required to give evidence on my report.
- George St, Edinburgh**            Expert report on behalf of a contractor on the analysis of the Sectional Completion requirements within the contract.
- Demolition Contract**            Expert report for a demolition contractor covering quantum issues in arbitration; gave evidence at the arbitration hearing.
- Civil Engineering**                Expert report for a civil engineering contractor (design and build sewage treatment works) covering quantum issues in arbitration. The issue settled before evidence was due to be given.
- Water Treatment Works**          Assistance with an expert report on delay and cost issues for professional indemnity insurers in a court action by a design and build contractor against the designer. The issue settled during the court action just before evidence was due to be given.
- Streetworks**                        Expert report for a streetworks contractor covering quantum issues in a court action. Evidence was given in the Sheriff's Court.
- Royal Opera House**                Assistance with an expert report on delay and cost issues for the mechanical and electrical installation aspects.
- Office      Block      Central**  
**Scotland**                            Expert report on quantum issues arises from remedial works carried out to an alleged defective building, claim value £15M, case currently proceeding toward Court.

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## Adjudication Experience Includes:

<b>Marine Civil Engineering Works, West of Scotland</b>	Assistance in the preparation of an adjudication submission.
<b>Forth Rail Bridge</b>	Assistance in the preparation of the claim and the subsequent adjudication for a painting contractor.
<b>Waverleygate, Edinburgh</b>	Prepared an adjudication against a demolition sub-contractor involved in demolition, façade retention and piled foundation for façade retention.
<b>Former Sheriff Court Building, Glasgow</b>	Defended an adjudication against a concrete frame sub-contractor on behalf of the same main contractor as Waverleygate
<b>Various</b>	Numerous small adjudication submissions for smaller trade contractors.
<b>Office Block Glasgow</b>	Defended, then prepared a series of Adjudications for both parties involved in the Waverleygate project above.

## Claim Preparation Experience Includes:

<b>UKAEA Dounreay</b>	Preparation of a claim for a mechanical contractor on a materials handling contract.
<b>BNFL Sellafield</b>	Contractual advice in lieu of claims preparation for the same contractor.
<b>Pharmaceutical Plant</b>	Prepared a major claim for a mechanical and process engineering contractor, including both extensions of time and quantum.
<b>Refurbishment/ Development Edinburgh</b>	Prepared claim submission for local Contractor, then assisted in settlement via Mediation, sums in excess of £2M

## Contractual Advice Includes:

<b>MFL, Leeds</b>	Gave contractual advice to a main contractor in connection with a multi-storey flatted development. The employer was seeking to recover £1million in L&A damages.
<b>Forth Rail Bridge</b>	Prepared sub-contract documents for a contractor who took over the contract after the completion of the earlier adjudication detailed above.
<b>PFI Hospital</b>	Gave contractual advice and commercial assistance to a contractor who had serious issues with a hospital development.
<b>PFI Schools</b>	Gave contractual advice to a contractor who was suffering deductions from a complete PFI Schools project.
<b>Student Accommodation Dundee</b>	Gave contractual advice to a contractor engaged in the construction of student accommodation in Dundee.
<b>Housing Development Dundee</b>	Gave contractual advice to a contractor engaged in the construction of a housing development for a developer in Dundee.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>SEPTEMBER 2007</b>	<b>Centra Consult LLP</b> <i>Chairman</i>
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**2006 – 2007**

**Driver Consult Ltd**

*Director*

Opened new office on behalf of Driver Consult. Developed my existing client base and worked with Driver clients. Engaged two delay analysts and two further quantum experts. Ran the commercial arm of a multi million pound PFI Hospital Development on behalf of a client for six months.

**1998 – 2006**

**Trett Consulting**

*Regional Director*

Providing advice to clients in respect of a large variety of contractual and commercial problems. Identifying and preparing contractual claims. Providing advice in connection with disputes. These services have been carried out for, and on behalf of, contractors, sub-contractors, solicitors and consultants.

**1994 - 1998**

**Jarvis Construction (UK) plc**

*Commercial Manager*

Originally Commercial Manager (civils) for Shanks & McEwan Construction, overseeing the commercial management of a £20million civil engineering turnover. Taken over by Jarvis and absorbed into the building business.

**1993 - 1994**

**Amey Construction**

*Contract Surveyor*

Involved on RAF Machrihanish, on a £12million jet fuel installation project for the RAF. Main responsibilities included day-to-day commercial management of the project.

**1988 - 1993**

**MJ Gleeson**

*Senior Surveyor*

Responsible for the commercial management of a variety of building and civil engineering projects. Included the preparation of claims and handling of disputes with sub-contractors and employers.

**1984 - 1988**

**Tarmac Regional Construction**

*Quantity Surveyor*

Responsible for the commercial management of a variety of building and civil engineering projects. Included the preparation of claims and handling of disputes with sub-contractors and employers.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of Chartered Institute of Building

Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

## **OTHER INTERESTS**

Motorcycling, Photography, Walking, Swimming