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ADR/NCDR

Experienced arbitrator, adjudicator and mediator receiving appointments by party agreement and from bodies such as the ICC (sole arbitrator and president), LCIA (sole, presiding and wing arbitrator), FIDIC, Engineer's Ireland, the CI Arb, RICS and RIBA. Has been invited by ICDR (American Arbitration Association) to chair a tribunal, but had to decline, for personal reasons.

Arbitrator on in excess of 75 construction disputes in both two party and multi-party matters, a few involving public bodies, conducting hearings from a few days to four weeks or so, disputes of up to about £25 million and projects up to about £100million: *"We would also like to convey our thanks to the Arbitrator ... We look forward to working again with the Arbitrator soon."* (London city solicitors).

Adjudicator on in the region of 450 construction disputes involving claims up to about £18 million and projects up to about £100 million: *"The adjudicator decided, in what both parties accepted was a thorough and well reasoned decision, that the defendant had to pay the claimant the sums for which I have given summary judgment."* Knight v. Urvasco [2008] EWHC 3956. *"I would like to express my appreciation of the proficient approach and treatment by the one member DAB ..."* (Eastern European State entity).

Mediator on in excess of 60 construction and other disputes involving both two and multi parties, some involving public bodies, and claims up to about £5 million: *"Thank you very much indeed for your assistance yesterday. ... we could not have got there without your skill and persistence."* (London city solicitors).

Disputes on which Peter has acted, have involved:

- Legal issues and contract interpretation.
- Development agreements.
- PFI Projects.
- Technical and scientific issues, such as paint, roofing, cladding, glazing, corrosion, mechanical and electrical and structural defects, fire resistance and compartmentation.
- Infrastructure and civil and structural engineering disputes including concrete structures, piles, roads, bridges, power stations (including nuclear power stations), bio-mass facilities, airport runways, sewers, defence establishments, liquefied gas facilities, water treatment works, waste to energy, flood defences and process engineering (biodiesel feed stock).
- Environmental (including nuclear) issues.
- Marine equipment, jetty and harbour work (dredging and blasting); Railways (infrastructure, computer equipment and rolling stock).
- Professional negligence.

- Delay and programming issues and disruption and delay costs.
- Quantity surveying issues including interim and final account valuation.
- High value/specification (up to £40 million at 2000 prices) residential properties.
- Commercial agency agreements
- International commercial disputes including as arbitrator under ICC rules, LCIA rules and UNCITRAL Rules and as FIDIC dispute board.

Peter has also mediated disputes outside the construction sector, including in regard to wills, landlord and tenant, sale of goods, and passing off and is identified in the Bar Council list of mediators under the most experienced category.

Panel Listings

- LCIA, CI Arb (including NHBC), Engineers' Ireland, Law Society, RIBA, CEDR, RICS (select and fast track) and Access Disputes Committee (railways) panels of arbitrators.
- CI Arb, RIBA, RICS (including Scotland), ICE, CEDR, TeCSA, Construction Confederation, Construction Industry Council, Association of Independent Construction Adjudicators, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) and CIOB panels of adjudicators. Construction Contracts Adjudication Panel (Ireland) – to June 2025.
- ICC Canadian National Committee Panel of International Commercial Arbitrators.
- ICDR (American Arbitration Association) roster of international arbitrators
- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR) Roster of arbitrators and mediators.
- FIDIC President's List of Dispute Adjudicators. RICS, accredited Dispute Board Member (Category A, party appointed, chair and sole member).

Named or listed as an adjudicator in respect of a number of high value and prestigious contracts, including a major development by a top premier league football club, a PFI waste management project in Wakefield, a waste to energy project in Scotland, a biomass facility in the north of England, a Project Agreement, PFI Construction Contract, Interface Agreement and Facilities Management Contract for social housing on a number of sites in the North of England, London Crossrail, the London 2012 Adjudication Panel and T5 (Heathrow Terminal 5).

Recommendations

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Academic qualifications

- MA (Edin)
- BA (Oxon)
- Dip Arch
- RIBA and ARIAS (1979 to mid-2025)

- FCIArb

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Barrister (Middle Temple)
- Chartered Arbitrator
- Architect
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Accredited CEDR Mediator
- Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration

Professional bodies

- RIBA and RIAS (1979 to mid-2025), ACE, FCIArb, Barrister
- Visiting senior lecturer at Kings College Centre of Construction Law and Management, teaching construction law, arbitration and dispute resolution and Course director for Module D of the MSc Course – Arbitration and dispute resolution module: 2002-2013.
- Joint Secretary of the Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT): 1995 to 1998.
- Cases editor on the Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Law Journal: 1994 to 2000
- Member of the drafting committee for the Construction Industry Model Arbitration Rules (CIMAR).
- Member of ICC Commission on Arbitration and ICC Task Forces on Reducing Costs in Complex Arbitrations and on Maximizing the Probative Value of Witness Evidence.
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators (liveryman).