



Keith Blizzard

CEDR Accredited Mediator

Overview

Keith Blizzard is a highly experienced Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Chartered Builder and Chartered Arbitrator practicing professionally in building and construction. Keith undertakes Mediation, Arbitration, Adjudication and Expert Determination.

Keith is a CI Arb Course Director for the Adjudication Pathway and a CI Arb approved Tutor, Assessor and Examiner. He is also an RICS approved Tutor, Assessor and Examiner for the RICS Diploma in Arbitration and the RICS Diploma in Adjudication. He is a Visiting Lecturer in Construction Law at Sheffield University, De Montfort University, Birmingham City University and Helsinki University of Technology. He has also been a Visiting Lecturer in Arbitration Law for the Society of Construction Law.

Keith is a Past Chairman of the West Midlands Arbitration Club and a Past Member of the Association of Midlands Mediators Standing Committee. He is a Fellow of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (QS Division), The Chartered Institute of Building and The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is also a Member of the Society of Construction Law and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators.

Professional Background

Keith is a Partner in the leading firm of Shakespeares LLP. He previously headed the Construction Team within Challinors Solicitors and was Managing Director of his own surveying practice Blizzards Ltd.

Keith has been involved in most aspects of quantity surveying, project management and contract administration from building inception to completion in relation to a wide range of building projects under a variety of forms of construction contracts. Keith's project experience includes residential accommodation, multi-storey offices, healthcare and public/government buildings, educational facilities, laboratories, airports, commercial and industrial

developments, defence and engineering installations and retail petrol outlets. He also has specialist knowledge of mechanical and electrical installations.

Keith has a good working knowledge of a wide range of standard forms of main and sub-contract construction contract conditions. Indeed he regularly lectures on various standard forms of construction contract.

Keith has acted as Arbitrator, Adjudicator or Expert in disputes ranging in value from several thousand £GBP to £15million concerning: building defects, workmanship, valuation of building works, valuation of variations, interim payment and final certificates, delay and disruption, extensions of time, valuation of loss and/or expense, final account valuations, liquidated and ascertained damages, interpretation of construction contracts including bespoke terms and conditions, interpretation and valuation of professional services contracts and various aspects of contract administration including failure to provide and/or the late provision of information.

Keith has been instructed as an expert by the Treasury Solicitor to carry out investigations and prepare reports. Keith has also given expert evidence in the County Court, the High Court and at Arbitration Hearings.

Mediation Experience

- Commercial Contracts
- Construction
- Dilapidations
- Employment
- Insurance
- Landlord & Tenant
- Partnership
- Personal Injury
- Professional Negligence
- Property

Professional Courses & Conferences

Keith regularly lectures on a wide range of issues relating to construction law throughout the United Kingdom and within the European Union. He has lectured on academic courses at Sheffield University, De Montfort University, Birmingham City University and at Helsinki University of Technology. He has also delivered papers at conferences in Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Lisbon and Madrid.

Recent Mediation

Keith has conducted mediation throughout the UK including the leading commercial centres of London, Birmingham and Manchester.

Whilst Keith's background is in construction he has conducted mediation across a wide range of disputes including Commercial, Employment, Partnership, Landlord and Tenant, Medical

Negligence, Claims under Insurance Policies, Surveyor's Professional Negligence, Engineering and Commercial Plant as well as Construction related disputes including Defects, Valuation, Housing Disrepair and Professional Negligence of Construction Professionals.

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