

## **ROBERT A SLIWINSKI**

Barrister Chartered Arbitrator  
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### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Robert Sliwinski is a Barrister, Chartered Arbitrator, Accredited Adjudicator and Mediator, Quantity Surveyor and Dispute Board Member.

Robert has over 35 years' experience of the construction industry with particular emphasis on all forms of alternative dispute resolution. After 12 years as a quantity surveyor Robert entered the Bar dealing with civil, landlord & tenant, property and construction law issues whilst also undertaking arbitration and adjudication disputes as the neutral. After six years as a solicitor, Robert returned to the full-time Bar in 2011 practices from SWL Chambers and later as a Neutral from ArbDB Chambers in London. Robert additionally practices in the GGC Region as Counsel with Al Suwaidi & Company in Dubai specialising in all aspects of the property and construction industry representing parties as well as undertaking appointments as arbitrator, adjudicator, expert determiner, mediator and dispute board member.

As an arbitrator Robert has been involved in cases in both the UK and internationally concerning professional negligence, property, landlord & tenant, delay analysis, costs, variations, defects, interpretation of contracts, repudiation, and many other aspects of contract in the areas of building, civil engineering, mechanical & electrical, waste water treatment and process engineering. He has most recently been joint arbitrator on a multi-million dollar case between a joint venture contractor and national government in a dispute involving the construction of an airport runway and as a member of an ICC panel arbitration also between a joint venture and a national government involving the construction of a major road project.

In the field of UK adjudication Robert has received over 400 appointments from the CIArb, CIC, AICA, CEDR, RICS and by private appointment. The disputes referred have covered all aspects of construction including professional negligence, delay analysis, costs, defects, interpretation of contracts, repudiation and all other aspects of contract in the areas of building, civil engineering, mechanical & electrical, wastewater and process engineering.

Robert's work as an expert determiner has included final account, cost and variation disputes for projects including hospitals, office developments as well as mechanical & electrical services, civil engineering, development agreements and partnership agreements.

In mediation, Robert has acted as party representative as well as Mediator in a wide range of issues including construction, professional negligence, contract, development agreements and landlord & tenant.

Robert is also qualified and trained as a dispute board member and has a thorough knowledge of the FIDIC and ICC provisions. He is a professional member of the Dispute Board Federation. Robert has been appointed by FIDIC and is able to undertake dispute board appointments throughout the world in the areas of construction, engineering, wastewater and process engineering.

In deciding disputes covering large numbers of complex issues, (for example Variation Accounts involving 100s of individual items) Robert has worked closely with the parties and/or their experts so that fully functioning Scott Schedules can be used. This allows the parties to understand each decision made and the effect on the overall account/dispute.

Robert's work as a neutral dispute resolver has taken him across the world including the Middle East (Dubai & Kuwait), the USA and Caribbean, Europe and Cyprus. He also has knowledge and experience of the contracting and dispute processes within the United Arab Emirates, Africa and the Far East (Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia).

### **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND PANEL MEMBERSHIPS**

**The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators** - Fellow, elected 2001

- Chartered Arbitrator, 2008
- Panel of Adjudicators
- Panel of Arbitrators
- Accredited Mediator
- Panel of Property Dispute Service

**The Council of Legal Education – The Inns of Court School of Law**

- Vocational Training for the Bar, gained July 1990

**The Honourable Society of Middle Temple** - Called to the Bar 1990

**Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (1987 to 2018)** - Fellow

- Panel of Adjudicators
- Accredited Mediator
- Panel of Mediators
- Dispute Board Register
- Member of the Conflict's Avoidance Panel for Transport for London
- Accredited ACRE Mediator

**New York State Board of Bar Examiners** - Bar Examinations, gained July 1997

**New York State Bar (USA)** - Attorney, admitted to the Bar 1998

**The Construction Industry Council** - Panel of Adjudicators

**The Law Society (2004 to 2010)** - Solicitor, admitted 2004

**Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacture & Commerce** - Fellow, elected 2005

**Asian International Arbitration Centre** - Panel of Arbitrators

**Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution** - Fellow, elected 2018

- Accredited International Arbitrator
- Panel of Arbitrators

**Dispute Resolution Board Foundation** - Professional Member, admitted 2005

**Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR)**

- Accredited Mediator
- Panel of Adjudicators

**London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)** - List of Arbitrators

**International Chamber of Commerce (UAE)** – Member, Arbitrator and Mediator

**Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)** - List of Arbitrators

**DIFC – LCIA** - List of Arbitrators

**Dubai International Arbitration Centre** - Panel of Arbitrators

**Sharjah International Commercial Arbitration Centre** - Arbitrator

**Saudi Centre for Commercial Arbitration** - Rosters of Arbitrators & Mediators

**Technology and Construction Solicitors Association** - Panel of Adjudicator

## **Federation Internationale des Ingenieurs-Conseils International (FIDIC)**

- President's List of Approved Dispute Adjudicators

**Technology and Construction Bar Association** - Member

**UK Adjudicators** - Panels of Dispute Board Members and Adjudicators

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2020 to date **AL SUWAIDI & COMPANY**, Dubai, UAE – Counsel

2019 to date **ArbDB CHAMBERS**, IDRC, 70 Fleet Street, London

A set of leading arbitrators, mediators and adjudicators, both domestic and International, encompassing different professional backgrounds and jurisdictions.

2018 to 2020 **KOCHHAR & CO INC**, Dubai, UAE - Senior Partner

2011 to date **SWL CHAMBERS**, 25 Southampton Buildings, London - Barrister

2006 - 2011 **SWL DISPUTE RESOLUTION**, Loudwater, Buckinghamshire - Principle

2004 - 2006 **WRIGHT HASSALL SOLICITORS**, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire - Partner and Joint Head of Construction Department

2001 - 2004 **ALWAY ASSOCIATES**, Banbury, Oxfordshire - Director - Legal Services

1993 - 2000 **CHAMBERS OF GEOFFREY HAWKER**, 46/48 Essex Street, London

1991 - 1993 **CHAMBERS OF DONALD GORDON**, 3 Temple Gardens, London

1990 - 1991 **KEATING CHAMBERS**, 10 Essex Street, London

1988 - 1990 **JAMES R KNOWLES**, London - Senior Consultant

1986 - 1988 **WEBB & TAPLEY** Chartered Quantity Surveyors, London

1984 - 1986 **SILK & FRAZIER** Chartered Quantity Surveyors, London

1978 - 1981 **McBAINS** Quantity Surveyors, London

### **POSITIONS HELD (\* denotes current)**

- Member of the Board of Management, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators\*
- Chairman Panels Management Group, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators\*
- Chairman Thames Valley Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Inns of Court Disciplinary Panel
- Committee Member, Construction ARBRIX
- Chairman of Membership Committee, Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
- Freeman, Liveryman & Court Assistant, Worshipful Company of Arbitrators\*
- Member, Society of Construction Law (Middle East)\*
- Member, Adjudication Society

### **CONTRACTS EXPERIENCE**

- JCT, ICE, NEC, GC Works, PPC 2000, ACA, ACE, IET (MF), NSPE, AIA & FIDIC
- Bespoke contracts for main contract works, sub-contract works and consultants
- Framework & Development Agreements
- Partnering Contracts

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Robert provides training, seminars and undertakes assessments on international and domestic arbitration, mediation as well as adjudication on behalf of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and other bodies both in the UK and overseas.