



SOMA CONTRACT SERVICES LTD

CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS

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PERSONAL RÉSUMÉ

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Summary of Experience

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Over 30 years of professional experience in Building and Civil Engineering, Construction Supervision and Management, Cost Control, Claims and Measurement, with a strong emphasis on achieving commercial targets and deadlines, which included four years as a Director with a Civil Engineering Contractor, with responsibilities encompassing all aspects of project management and contract administration from initial tender submissions through claims negotiations to Final Account settlement.

- On-site experience at senior management level on Main Drainage and Public Health Engineering projects, River and Canal works, Tunnels, Reinforced Concrete Structures, Roads and Bridge works, Housing and Commercial developments
- Extensive dispute resolution experience
- Practising Adjudicator, Arbitrator, Mediator and Construction Contract Consultant

Registrations

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- Chartered Civil Engineer
 - Chartered Quantity Surveyor
 - Chartered Arbitrator
 - Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers
 - Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
 - Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
 - Member of the Society of Construction Law
 - Member of the Adjudication Society
 - Member of the RICS Arbrix Construction Group
 - CIARB & ICE Panel Arbitrator
 - ADR Group Accredited Panel Mediator
 - ICE & RICS Panel Mediator & Conciliator
 - CMW (Commercial Mediation Wales) Panel Mediator
- Registered Adjudicator with:
- Institution of Civil Engineers [ICE]
 - Royal Institute of British Architects [RIBA]
 - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators [CIARB]
 - Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors [RICS]
 - Chartered Institute of Building [CIOB]
 - Construction Industry Council [CIC]
 - Technology & Construction Solicitors Association
 - Association of Independent Construction Adjudicators [AICA]

Education

St Illyds College, Cardiff

Llandaff Technical College, Cardiff:-

- **ONC in Construction Technology [1968]**

University of Glamorgan:-

- **Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering [1973]**

University of Bristol:-

- **LLM Master of Laws Degree [1997]**

College of Estate Management:-

- **Diploma in Arbitration (DipArb) [1999]**

Project Types

- Mechanical & Electrical
- Petro-Chemical
- Land reclamation
- Main drainage & sewage works
- Sheet piling & deep shafts
- River & canal works
- Marine & sea defence works
- Gas, water, electricity & telecoms utility works
- Reinforced concrete structures
- Soft ground tunnelling
- Drilling & grouting/ground stabilisation
- Roads & Bridges
- Water Treatment
- Commercial & Private Building Developments

Activities

- Construction contract management
- Construction estimating, planning & programming
- Construction cost monitoring & measurement
- Construction contract, claims submissions & negotiations
- Measurement & Valuation disputes
- Arbitration advocacy and support
- Mediation & Conciliation
- Litigation support
- Expert Witness reporting
- Adjudication
- Arbitration
- Expert Determination

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Consultant: **David Kenyon** BEng CEng MICE MCIARB

Director: **Dennis Baldwin** BSc LLM DipArb CARb CEng FRICS FICE FCIARB

Company Registration No. 2474998

Employment History**Offices**

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| • Soma Contract Services Ltd | 1990 - Date | • Former ICE Conciliation & Adjudication Advisory Panel Member |
| • High-Point Schaer | 1988 - 1990 | • Former CIArb Wales Chairman & current Committee Member |
| • Midland Construction Group | 1978 - 1988 | • Former Adjudication Society National Committee Member |
| • C H Dobbie & Partners | 1972 - 1978 | • ICE Contract Practice & Procedure Examiner |
| | | • CIOB Adjudication Course Assessor |

Detailed Professional Experience**SOMA CONTRACT SERVICES LTD****Director** (1990 - Date)

Construction, commercial and contractual consultant, providing technical advice and assistance on specifications, statutory regulations & Codes of Practice, legal advice on construction contracts, and commercial advice on resolution of construction contract problems and disputes, including claim preparation, submission and negotiation. Occasionally engaged as Contract Administrator on JCT Building Contracts and as Employer's Agent on Design & Build Contracts. Seminar speaker on contract administration and dispute avoidance for contracting organisations, specialist trade organisations and professional bodies.

Over 20 years' full-time dispute resolution experience, including acting as lay advocate in arbitration, mediation, conciliation and adjudication of construction disputes. Litigation support and Expert Witness reporting experience on a wide range of construction-related disputes. Practising Arbitrator, Mediator, Expert Determiner, and Adjudicator of 10 years' standing, with Decisions/Awards given in 150 Adjudications/Arbitrations with amounts in dispute ranging from £5k to £6m.

- **Clients include:** Private & Public Sector Employers, Utilities Contractors, Building & Civil Engineering Contractors, Specialist Sub-Contractors, Manufacturing Companies, Insolvency Practitioners, Solicitors.

HIGH-POINT SCHAER**Senior Assistant Director** (1988 - 1990)

Construction project support services to Main Contractors and Sub-Contractors, providing advice, opinion and technical aid on contractual matters. Preparation of Method Statements, advice on specification compliance and Health & Safety matters, and associated legislation and British Standards.

MIDLAND CONSTRUCTION GROUP OF COMPANIES**Contracts Director** (1986 - 1988)

Responsible for maintaining commercial viability of contracts from tender stage through to completion. Preparation of technical proposals, estimates and tenders; negotiations with sub-contractors and suppliers; agreement of rates and conditions. Contract programming and planning; labour and plant resource allocation. Preparation, evaluation and negotiation to settlement of claims, additional works payments, measurement additions and variations. Also active in Group Subsidiary Company, Construction Planning Services, providing a commercial claims service to outside contractors.

MIDLAND CONSTRUCTION (DAVENTRY) LTD**Senior Contracts Manager/Junior Director** (1984 - 1986)

Controlling specialist contracts, including tunnel and culvert repairs, sewer rehabilitation and replacement, sheet piling, pressure pointing and grouting, drilling and grouting works, and canal and bridge remedial works.

MIDLAND CONSTRUCTION (SOUTH WALES) LTD**Area Contracts Manager** (1982 - 1984)

Management control of various heavy civil engineering contracts throughout South Wales, including Reservoirs, Sewage Treatment Plants and Main Drainage Schemes. Responsible for maintaining overall profitability of activities in the region.

MIDLAND CONSTRUCTION (SOUTH WALES) LTD**Site Agent** (1978 - 1982)

Site Agent on both major and minor civil and building projects. Reinforced concrete structures, flood prevention schemes, pumping stations and sewerage schemes.

C H DOBBIE & PARTNERS**Resident Engineer** (1976 - 1978)

Resident Engineer on large Urban Trunk Sewer Contract involving pipelaying, tunnelling, piled deep shafts, sheet piling and land reclamation.

C H DOBBIE & PARTNERS**Design Engineer** (1972 - 1976)

Engaged on all aspects of major Public Health Engineering schemes from feasibility studies through to detailed design, preparation of drawings, bills of quantities and contract documents.