

Niall Lawless Biography

Chartered Arbitrator and Engineer, Adjudicator, Mediator

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Professional background

Niall Lawless is a Chartered Arbitrator, Mechanical Engineer, Building Services Engineer, Information Systems Practitioner and Chartered Builder. He offers arbitration, mediation, and adjudication services, and his commercial and technical expertise is particularly appropriate in both domestic and international commercial technology, engineering, and construction disputes.

Dispute resolution experience

He is an experienced Chartered Arbitrator and member of the London Court of International Arbitration, the Chartered Institute of Building, the Chartered Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the British Computer Society, the Regional Centre for Arbitration Kuala Lumpur, the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board and the Thai Arbitration Institute's panel of Arbitrators. He is a member of the World Intellectual Property Organisation list of experts and arbitrator and mediator panel and is a Nominet DRS Expert.

He is a member of the RIBA, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Chartered Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Heating and Ventilating Contractors Association, the Construction Industry Council and the Construction Confederation panel of Adjudicators. As well as experience in HGCRA adjudications he has acted as adjudicator in non statutory adjudication, for example in a multi million pound engineering and technology transfer dispute. He is a member of the £16 billion Crossrail Adjudication Panel.

He is a Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and a Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (C.I.Arb.) accredited mediator. He is also a CROCNAC certified and Mediation UK registered mediator actively involved in commercial and community disputes and has acted as mediator on about eighty occasions. He has been appointed mediator directly by the parties and also acted as mediator in disputes directed from the Birmingham Civil Justice Centre and the Central London Civil Justice Centre.

He has acted as technical expert on a wide range of engineering disputes involving design, supply, delivery, installation, testing, commissioning and setting to work of building services, heating ventilation and air conditioning, mechanical and electrical equipment; controls including building and energy management systems, SCADA and PLC control systems, access control, fire alarm and security systems; computer centres supported by online UPS system and diesel generator; process plant and power systems, control equipment and cabling and valuation of variations, delay, disruption and prolongation arising. He has acted as expert witness at all pleading stages and given evidence under examination four times.

Membership of professional organisations and education

- Chartered Arbitrator and Engineer.
- Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers. (F.C.I.B.S.E.)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Mechanical Engineers. (F.I.Mech.E.)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building. (F.C.I.O.B.)
- Fellow of the British Computer Society. (F.B.C.S.)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. (F.C.I.Arb.)
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. (F.R.S.A.)
- Master of Science Degree (Distinction) in Information Technology.
- Master of Business Administration Degree in Technology Management.
- Master of Arts Degree in Foresight and Futures Studies.
- Postgraduate Diploma in Arbitration.
- Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration.
- Postgraduate Diploma (Distinction) in Building Services.
- Bachelor of Science Degree (Honours) in Building Technology.

Personal

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Board of Trustees.
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Presidential Panel of Arbitrators – Member of Panel interviewing members applying for Chartered Arbitrator status.
- ICC Expert working as part of the 5th ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition Drafting Committee for 2010 and also appointed judge for the final.
- Chair of the British Computer Society Professional Conduct Investigations Committee and member of the Institution of Civil Engineers Disciplinary Committee.
- Appointed as EU Expert to help China investigate improvements to its arbitration law.
- Undertaking a part time PhD in International Commercial Arbitration at the Faculty of Law of the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China.
- Forbidden City Volunteer Tour Guide.
- Learning Mandarin Chinese.
- Keen interest in martial arts and actively supports a first dan black belt in TaeKwonDo and a second dan black belt in Tukkong.
- Samaritan volunteer and pro bono community mediator.

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