

## **Niall Lawless Biography**

### **Chartered Arbitrator and Engineer, Adjudicator, Mediator**

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#### **Professional background**

Niall Lawless is a Chartered Arbitrator, Information Systems Practitioner, Mechanical Engineer, Building Services Engineer, 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 HGCRAs 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.

#### **Technical experience**

Niall has managed IT, technology and engineering projects ensuring that realistic project goals were set and achieved. He has used business acumen and IT methodologies to translate business requirements into effective system designs. He has been responsible for hardware, software selection design and development, network integration and training. He has developing e-business and internet solutions and integrated these with legacy architectures. He has demonstrated the technical breadth and depth to solve complex problems and provided active IT project risk management. Niall was a business leader who helped define the content of a M.Sc. in Commercial Management and a M.Sc. in IT. He was an industrial collaborator on an EPSRC sponsored research programme. He has been instructed as technical expert involved in all pleading stages and has given oral evidence in four multi-million pound technology disputes. He has been a lecturer to CIMA students on information systems and IT project management and is a British Computer Society London and South East professional membership assessor.

## **Membership of professional organisations and education**

- Chartered Arbitrator and Engineer.
- Fellow of the British Computer Society. (F.B.C.S.)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Mechanical Engineers. (F.I.Mech.E.)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers. (F.C.I.B.S.E.)
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building. (F.C.I.O.B.)
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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