

## Neil Forte

### Director

#### Professional experience

Neil Forte is a Director at TSA Riley, an Expert Witness, an Adjudicator, a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, a Chartered Builder and a Chartered Building Engineer specializing in dispute resolution with 18 years' experience in the construction industry.

He is an RICS registered expert Witness, a Practicing Member of the Expert Witness Institute, and a Practicing Member of the Academy of Experts.

Neil is a panel registered Adjudicator at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), the Construction Industry Council (CIC), UK Adjudicators and Hunt ADR.

He is also on the RICS Construction Professional Group Panel and a member of The Society of Construction Law and The Adjudication Society.

Neil is regularly involved in Adjudications, the preparation of Expert Reports and dispute management with leading Solicitors, Barristers, Sub-Contractors, Main Contractors, Developers, Client Teams, Local Authorities and Consultants amongst others.

He has been appointed as a Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to a range of Quantum matters on a variety of construction projects for the purposes of Litigation, Arbitration and Adjudication proceedings including for joint instructions.

Neil has been appointed as Adjudicator by the RICS amongst other nominating bodies on a range of disputes.

Neil also undertakes Party Representative roles for the purposes of Adjudication proceedings by either the Referring Party or the Responding Party.

In addition, Neil has advised on dispute avoidance and pre and post contract cost management for a range of construction projects. As well as being appointed as Arbitrator in respect of consumer disputes.

Neil has an in depth understanding of claims and dispute resolution from working as a Quantity Surveyor for a Tier 1 Main Contractor. This, combined with his legal and dispute resolution training and experience, enables Neil to successfully assess claims and defences based on personal experience supplemented by technical skills.

His experience extends to the civil, rail, education, commercial, leisure, health, power distribution, residential, new build and restoration sectors



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#### Qualifications and training

BSc (Hons)

LL.M.

PgDip (Law)

PgCert (Law)

PgDip (Adj.)

C. Build Eng

FRICS

FCABE

FCIArb

FCInstCES

MCIQB

MEWI

MAE

SCL

Adj Soc

#### Relevant skills

Quantum Expert Witness

Adjudication

Commercial Management

Contractual Advice

Final Account Settlement

Procurement Strategies

Risk Management

Troubleshooting

Claims & Dispute Management

including for 'cut and carve' projects, grade I & II listed buildings and others.

Neil is qualified with a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management, a Masters of Law (LL.M.) in Construction Law and Adjudication and a Post Graduate Certificate and Diploma (PgCert & PgDip) in Construction Law and Adjudication.

Neil is also qualified with a Post Graduate Diploma in Construction, Adjudication (RICS), he has completed the Expert Witness Accreditation Training (RICS) and successfully completed the Bond Solon Excellence in Report Writing, Courtroom Skills and Cross Examination. Neil has also undertaken the Accredited Mediator Training (RICS).

He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS), a Fellow the Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (FCInstCES), a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (FCABE), a member of the Chartered Institute of Building (MCIOB), a Member of the Expert Witness Institute (MEWI) and a Practising Member of The Academy of Experts (MAE)

## Relevant sectors

Arts and Culture  
Data Centres  
Education  
Energy  
Health  
Housing  
Land Development  
Logistics and Distribution  
Manufacturing and Industrial  
Office  
Ports  
Rail  
Resources and Waste  
Retail  
Road  
Sports and Leisure

## Relevant project experience

### Housing

- **Residential Development, London:** Quantity Surveyor responsible for the commercial function of residential construction projects.
- **Residential Development, London:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to the quantification of cladding remedial schemes.
- **Residential, London and the Southeast:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to the quantification of losses arising from the rectification of defects and loss and expense.
- **Residential Development, London:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to the quantification of a Final Account.
- **Residential Development, London:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to the quantification of a 'termination account'.
- **Residential, London and the Southeast:** Appointed as Single Joint Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to a building dispute at a property.
- **Residential Development, London:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to the quantification of a claim from the Contractor.

### Office

- **Office Residential Development, London:** Quantity Surveyor responsible for the commercial function of office construction projects.
- **Office and mixed-use Development, London:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to
- the quantification of losses arising from the rectification of defects.

## Education

- **Education, London and Essex:** Quantity Surveyor responsible for the commercial function of education construction projects.
- **Education, London:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to the quantification of a Final Account.

## Energy

- **Energy, Overhead Power Distribution, Scotland:** – Appointed to review and advise on quantum for a number of projects for final account negotiations.
- **Energy, Power Station, Faulkland Islands:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to the quantification of a claim from the Contractor.
- **Energy, Waste to Energy Power Station:** Lead assistant to the appointed Expert Witness in relation to quantification of a loss and expense account.

## Tourism and Hospitality

- **Leisure Centre, London:** Quantity Surveyor responsible for the commercial function of construction project, grade 2 listed building.
- **Hospitality, London:** Appointed as Quantity Surveying Expert Witness in relation to the quantification of a claim from the Contractor.

## Health

- **Hospital, London:** Quantity Surveyor responsible for the commercial function of construction project, grade 1 listed building.
- **Care Home, Sussex:** Appointed to provide advise in respect of dispute between the Employer and the Contractor.

## Rail

- **Rail, Civils and Station Works, London and Essex, Stratford to Shenfield, Crossrail Eastern:** Appointed to provide dispute advise and claim preparation including for the agreement and negotiation of changes to the contract, prolongation and delay and disruption claims.
- **Rail, Civils and Station Works, London, London Bridge Station:** Appointed to provide dispute advise and claim preparation including for the agreement and negotiation of changes to the contract, prolongation and delay and disruption claims. Draft and agree supplemental agreement with parties.
- **Rail, Civils and Station Works, London, Pudding Mill Lane Station, Crossrail:** Appointed to provide dispute advise and claim preparation including for the agreement and negotiation of changes to the contract, prolongation and delay and disruption claims.
- **Rail, Civils and Station Works, London, Liverpool Street and Whitechapel station and platform tunnels, Crossrail:** Appointed to provide dispute advise and claim preparation including for the agreement and negotiation of changes to the contract, prolongation and delay and disruption claims.
- **Rail, Civils and Station Works, London and Buckinghamshire, Paddington to Reading, Crossrail Western:** Appointed to provide dispute advise and claim preparation including for the agreement and negotiation of changes to the contract, prolongation and delay and disruption claims.

## Ports

- **Port, Civils and Rail, Essex:** Appointed to provide dispute advise and claim preparation including for the agreement and negotiation of changes to the contract, prolongation and delay and disruption claims.

## Employment History

<b>TSA Riley (Formerly DGA Group)</b>	<b>Director, Expert Witness and Adjudicator</b>	<b>(2024 – Current)</b>
Adair Limited	Executive Director, Expert Witness and Adjudicator - Dispute Resolution	(2023 – 2024)
Own Limited Company	Director, Expert Witness and Adjudicator - Dispute Resolution	(2013 – 2023)
Jackson Rowe Limited	Expert Witness and Adjudicator	(2018 – 2023)
Wates Construction	Quantity Surveyor	(2008 – 2013)
General Builder	Quantity Surveyor (part time)	(2006 – 2008)