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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Niall LAWLESS
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Nationality: Irish and British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Science Degree (Distinction), Information Technology;
Master of Business Administration Degree, Technology Management;
Master of Arts Degree, Foresight and Futures Studies;
Postgraduate Diploma, Arbitration;
Postgraduate Diploma, International Commercial Arbitration;
Postgraduate Diploma, Building Services;
Bachelor of Science Degree (Honours), Building Technology.

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Chartered Arbitrator and Engineer, Adjudicator, Expert for Expert Determination, and Mediator
Adjudication Solutions Ltd since 2014.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Chartered arbitrator and adjudicator, DGA (UK) Ltd, made decisions in construction & engineering, and intellectual property disputes, January 2004 – May 2013;
Owner and Manager, Quantum Solutions Ltd, which employed over 20 people and provided high added-value consultancy and management with a focus on information technology and industrial strength Internet solutions, August 1993 – December 2003;

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Quantum Monde Ltd, provided high added-value consultancy and management services with a focus on construction and engineering. 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. Acted as expert witness at all pleading stages and gave evidence under examination in arbitration and the Technology and Construction Court numerous times, August 1993 – December 2003;

Manager, Unisys Ltd, principal duties were to lead, develop and control the group and its resources. Unisys Consultancy and Project Management Services comprised thirty-two professional and technical staff with project managers, data communications consultants, quantity surveyors, mechanical engineers and electrical engineers. Created project teams developing facilities and effecting large-scale relocation, moves and changes, June 1988 – July 1993;

Senior Engineer, Foster Wheeler Energy Ltd., established and developed a multi-discipline building group, which grew to include 28 staff. The group undertook design of complex buildings to meet the requirements of research and development and production facilities for the seven pharmaceutical, electronic, nuclear and petrochemical industries. Coordinating and controlling the activities of architects, engineers, quantity surveyors and designers on a range of projects, June 1986 – May 1988.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Chartered Engineer, currently on the Register of Members of Engineers Ireland and the Engineering Council in the UK in good standing;
 Fellow, the Chartered Institute of Building;
 Fellow, the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers;
 Fellow, the Chartered Institution of Mechanical Engineers;
 Fellow, the Chartered Institute for IT (formerly the British Computer Society);
 Chartered Arbitrator, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Construction and Engineering, Information Technology and Software.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Acted as Arbitrator in Software disputes.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Since 2008, has been a Nominet Expert making decisions in almost 150 Domain Name disputes.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

‘Adjudication practice and procedure: Ireland – Construction Contracts Act 2013’ by Damien Keogh and Niall Lawless. The textbook is for “construction, engineering and legal professionals and students who have an interest in dispute resolution and adjudication”. Published by Routledge (a global publisher of academic books, journals and online resources in the humanities and social sciences);

In the Foreword, the Honourable Mr. Justice Denis McDonald (16.04.2020) wrote:

“The second part of the book (written by Niall Lawless) offers a unique insight into the thought processes of an expert adjudicator. Niall Lawless brings his very considerable practical experience and expertise to bear

in offering masterful views as to how parties, advocates and adjudicators might best grapple with the adjudication process and use it to full advantage. It offers a thought provoking and illuminating perspective on the adjudication process.”

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Acted as expert witness at all pleading stages and gave evidence in arbitration proceedings and the Technology and Construction Court numerous times.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Presidential Panel of Arbitrators – interviewing members applying for Chartered Arbitrator status.

A member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the Chartered Institution of Mechanical Engineers, the Institution of Engineering and Technology, the Construction Industry Council, UK Adjudicators, the Minister’s Construction Contracts Adjudication Panel in Ireland, the Asian International Arbitration Centre panel of Adjudicators and the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Panel of Adjudicators. Has experience in Construction Contracts Act 2013 (Ireland) and HGCRA (UK) adjudications, and acted as adjudicator in non-statutory adjudication, for example in a multi-million-pound engineering and technology transfer dispute. Was a member of the GBP16 billion Crossrail Adjudication Panel. Has made Adjudicator’s Decisions to the value of EUR26 million.

Has been appointed as Arbitrator and trade and sustainable development (TSD) Expert suitable for appointment in bilateral disputes under the EU’s trade agreements with third countries.

Has been awarded Arbitration Awards under the innovative Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Act 2022 (“the CRCA”). Redacted versions of the awards are published on the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators website. One reasoned award and one award by consent can be located at ‘Published Awards’ via the URL: www.ciarb.org/disputes/schemes/coronavirus-commercial-rent-debt-arbitration-scheme/

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Chartered Arbitrator, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators;
Postgraduate Diploma, Arbitration;
Postgraduate Diploma, International Commercial Arbitration.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Has been appointed mediator directly by the parties, the International Chamber of Commerce (“the ICC”) and acted as mediator in disputes directed from the Birmingham Civil Justice Centre and the Central London Civil Justice Centre. Has successful experience of acting as mediator in construction and engineering disputes involving power generation and transportation systems to the value of about USD55 million. On the dedicated mediation panel for two of the largest engineering and construction projects in Europe.

Is a Course Director, Tutor and Assessor on the CI Arb Mediation Pathway to Fellowship. Has been a volunteer judge and mediator at 23 previous ICC International Commercial Mediation Competitions, and has been both a judge and a mediator for the finals in Paris and Hong Kong. Coached ‘Mediation Works’ for the inaugural 2019 Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI) Mediation Competition, where the team achieved a Gold Medal for outstanding Mediation Advocacy by winning all five competition rounds. Coach and mentor students in alternative dispute resolution and business on an on-going basis where students were from China, France, India, Lithuania and Mongolia.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

A Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, and a Chartered Institute of Arbitrators accredited mediator.
