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Education

BSc, Construction Management, University of Northumbria, UK

MSc, Construction Project Management, University of Northumbria, UK

Honors & Awards

Lexology (WWL) Global Elite Thought Leader
Lexology Client Choice Best Expert Witness (UAE) Award 2021

Certifications

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Accredited Expert Witness (RICS Expert Witness Accreditation Service)

Accredited and practicing member of the Academy of Experts (MAE)

Affiliations

Full Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Full Member of the Chartered Institute of Building

Lance Crane is a Managing Director at Ankura, based in London. He has over 20 years of experience, of which he has acted as an independent forensic delay expert witness for matters in mediation, adjudication, and arbitration during the past 10 years.

He is recognised by Lexology as a Global Elite Thought Leader, and he has been awarded, via Lexology's Client Choice Awards, best construction expert witness award.

Lance has provided expert testimony, both written and verbal, for matters relating to Adjudication, and Arbitration, including several times to Kings Counsel.

Lance is an accredited and practicing member of the Academy of Experts (MAE), and RICS Accredited Expert Witness under the RICS Expert Witness Accreditation Service and is included on the expert referral panel.

He has experience in major projects including commercial, residential, oil and gas, infrastructure, land reclamation, marine, rail, and aviation. He has worked throughout the UK and internationally in the Middle East, Africa, the Far East, and Australia.

Lance gained valuable experience in project management, and project planning; whereby he was promoted to lead planner on a fundamental part of Europe's largest project (approximately £14 billion in total). He has been involved in managing projects from inception through to completion with live construction projects.

His core abilities in project management, and project controls have given Lance the in-depth knowledge that allows him to provide independent expert testimony on delay matters for use in mediation, adjudication and arbitration.

Lance's relevant experience as an independent delay expert is listed below.

Buildings / Mixed Use Developments

- Appointed by lawyers representing a global insurance company as a delay and disruption expert to assess a commercial building fit-out in London, for the matter of an adjudication. The award agreed entirely with Lance's assessment.
- Appointed as delay expert for an ICC arbitration within the UAE regarding the demolition and reinstatement works for a multi-tower mixed-use building. Lance provided written and oral testimony.
- Appointed as delay expert for adjudication in the UK regarding two major facilities for a border control project. Lance was appointed by the respondent and the matter settled in favor of his opinion.
- Appointed as delay expert for a commercial office building in London to assess an alleged extension of time. Lance provided his written testimony which resulted in an early settlement during the adjudication process for his instructing client.
- Appointed as delay expert for the matter of an ICC arbitration assessing critical delays incurred on a 4-tower mixed-use development valued at approximately AED 1 billion, in the UAE. The tribunal agreed with Lance's assessment.
- Appointed to provide an independent expert SWOT assessment of two major mixed-use developments commissioned by a Dubai government entity. The advice Lance provided was fundamental for the contractor's stance in the dispute, primarily relating to adequately modeled delay analysis methodologies.

Oil and Gas / Process / Power

- Appointed as independent expert witness for delay matters concerning the fabrication and construction of oil reactors for an oil and gas dispute in Uzbekistan. Lance worked with instructing lawyers to achieve an independent assessment to resolve the case prior to arbitration which resulted in a significant cost saving to the instructing client.
- Appointed as independent delay expert for three no. packages within an ICC Arbitration in dispute of over AUD 1 billion regarding issues sought from the design and construction of an LNG loading jetty, in Western Australia. Lance provided his expert opinion on matters of delay regarding the scour protection, and logistics for the transport of all materials to and from the site.
- Appointed as independent delay expert for delay matters concerning a fabrication project for oil and gas compressors in Kuwait. Lance was instructed to advise the client whether it had a robust claim prior to potential arbitration which was achieved via a retrospective analysis which achieved the clients' goals and resulted in significant cost savings.

Land Reclamation and Marine Works

- Appointed as delay expert providing testimony for an adjudication in the UK. Lance was appointed by the respondent for a major port dispute including land reclamation works and fabrication works on site. The decision concluded matters entirely in favor of Lance's opinion.
- Appointed within a potential SIAC arbitration to provide independent delay expert opinion regarding dredging, sand reclamation, and shore protection formation works for complete islands in a Maldives' development. Lance's assessment advised the parties and helped settle the dispute prior to arbitration.
- Appointed as delay expert providing time-related cost testimony for an adjudication in the UK. Lance was appointed by the respondent for a major port dispute including issues relating to costs incurred due to disrupted works throughout the project lifecycle.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Appointed as delay expert in the matter of an adjudication between a main contractor and subcontractor on an international airport in Oman. Lance provided expert testimony for delay matters in London.