

# Lucia Vernon Regional Director Qatar and Forensic Planning Director

# **Experience Summary**

Qatar-based Forensic Planning Director, Lucia Vernon is an experienced, qualified Forensic Planning Consultant leading teams carrying out forensic delay analyses and claim preparation according to international standards based on the Society of Construction Law Protocol and AACEI Recommended Protocols.

She is regularly involved in the preparation of expert reports for delay and is seeking to push her career to act as a mediator and delay expert. She has also written a technical paper (CDR.2849) Time Impact



Analysis in Windows - Concurrency Analysis published by the American Association of Cost Engineers (AACEI) where she held the position of President of the AACE Qatar Section until June 2019.

Lucia has a strong working knowledge of different planning software programmes including MS Project, Primavera P3 and P6 and utilises these expert skills across multiple construction sectors.

She adapts well to challenging environments and produces high quality work for her clients on complex projects. Lucia consistently takes a proactive approach and has good inter-personal skills which are essential elements that enable her to produce the required analysis schedules for claims with high quality and consistent results.

## **Highlights**

- Over 17 years' experience in the construction industry.
- Civil Engineer.
- Language skills: English and Slovak.
- Specialist in computer-based planning and scheduling techniques, particularly MS Project, Primavera P3 and P6.

### **Qualifications and Associations**

- MSc in Economics and Building Industry Management.
- LLM in Construction Law and Arbitration.
- BSc in Civil Engineering.
- PSP (Certified Planning and Scheduling Professional), AACE International.
- Legal Experience Training APAEWE.
- Accredited RICS Civil Commercial Mediator.
- MCIArb (Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators).



- MAACEI (Member of the AACEI, formerly American Association of Cost Engineering).
- Appointed to the AACE International 2020 24 Member of Advisory Committee.
- Appointed to the AACE Qatar Section 2019 20 Board as Past President.
- Appointed to the AACE Qatar Section 2018 19 Board as President.



### **Sectoral Experience**

- Building construction.
- Petro-chemical development.
- Nuclear power.
- Power station construction.
- Water and wastewater.
- Hotel developments.
- Stadiums.
- Infrastructure projects.

# Geographical Experience

- Middle East.
- France.
- Slovakia.
- South Africa.

# **Expert Works**

**2024 – Ongoing - Independent Expert** on matters of delay for a US\$ 25 million (mn) private villa project, UAE. Independent report requested by the employer and the contractor.

**2023 – Ongoing - Party Appointed Expert Witness** on matters of delay for a US\$ 1 billion (bn) housing project, Saudi Arabia. Instructing solicitors – Dentons.

**2022 - 2024 – Party Appointed Expert Witness** on matters of delay for a US\$ 300 mn reclamation works project, Malaysia. Instructing solicitors – Chooi & Company + Cheng & Ariff. Hearing expected September 2024.

**2021 - 2024**— **Government Appointed Forensic Delay Analyst** in connection with matters of delay against the contractor who was appointed by the Hong Kong Highways Development Authority to construct a Passenger Clearance Building. Supported the lead programming expert in the development of a detailed delay analysis to support mediation proceedings. Mediation completed, awaiting the results.

**2019-2020** – **Party Appointed Expert Witness on matters of delay** for a US\$ 60 mn infrastructure project, Qatar. Instructing solicitors – Al Tamimi & Company. The case was resolved after submission of the report with a positive outcome for the party. Hearing was not required.

**2019** – **Party Appointed Shadow Expert on matters of delay** - Appointment in connection with an arbitration related to the construction of a large-scale building in Qatar and a dispute revolving around the delayed completion of MEP works. Dispute in particular relating to delays in completion of design and slow progress in the delivery of the works, with particular assessment as to whether the delays fell on the critical path or not. Instructing solicitors – Simmons & Simmons. Case did not progress due to lack of payment of arbitration fees.

**2019** – Party Appointed Shadow Expert on matters of delay for a US\$ 15 mn facade works to iconic tower block on project, Qatar. Instructing solicitors – Sultan Al-Abdulla & Partners. The case was resolved after submission of the report with a positive outcome for the party. Hearing was not required.

**2018 – Party Appointed Shadow Expert on matters of delay** on a US\$ 25 mn concrete works subcontract for resort project, Qatar. Instructing solicitors – Simmons & Simmons. Case did not progress due to lack of payment of arbitration fees.



2017 – Advisor to Party Appointed Delay Analysis Expert on a US\$ 100 mn oil and gas project, GCC.

**2012 - 2013 - Advisor to Party Appointed Delay Analysis Expert** on matters of delay in relation to the construction of a US\$ 8 billion (bn) Nuclear Power station, Finland.

### **Training**

Lucia successfully completed the RICS recognised 'Legal Experience Training Advanced Professional Award in Expert Witness Evidence (LETAPAEWE) accredited by Pearson Learning at a Level 7 (Masters level) BTEC.' Modules completed:

•	Expert Witness Evidence: Law and Practice	Module 1
•	Written Evidence - Advanced Report Writing	Module 2
•	Case Preparation and Court Skills	Module 4

RICS Accredited Mediator modules completed:

•	Introduction to Mediation and Mediation Advocacy	Module 1
•	Practical evaluative mediation skills	Module 2

#### **Publications**

- February 2023 AACE International International Business An Engineer's Story of Curiosity and Travel - An Interview with Lucia Vernon.
- 2022 AACE International Recipient of AACE's Outstanding Woman in Project Controls award.
- May 2019 Al Moltaqa Magazine Mediation Bringing the issues into view.
- June 2018 AACE Intenational Technical Paper, CDR-2849 Time Impact Analysis in Windows

   Concurrency Analysis.

### **Career History**

September 2021 – Present Regional Director – Quantum Global Solutions, Doha, Qatar and Saudi Arabia

January 2020 – August 2021 Country Director Qatar – Quantum Global Solutions

July 2018 – December 2019 Forensic Planning Director – Quantum Global Solutions

January 2017 – June 2018 Associate Director – Quantum Global Solutions

January 2015 – December 2016 Senior Planning Consultant – Quantum Global Solutions



September 2013 – December 2014 Planning Consultant – Quantum Global Solutions

June 2012 – August 2013 Forensic Planner – Areva NP, Paris, France

January – May 2012 Forensic Planner – Murray and Roberts, Lephalale, South Africa

July 2007 – December 2011 Project Control Engineer/Planner - IDO Hutny Project, Bratislava, Slovakia

June – September 2006 Architect Assistant – AX Holdings, Malta