

Experience Summary

Michael has over 20 years' experience in commercial and claims management across the UK, Middle East and Far East. He has a wide range of experience from quality monitoring, project and contract management to construction law including various forms of building contracts that have proved invaluable to clients. He has prepared numerous claims for extensions of time, disruption, acceleration, quantum for prolongation, variation costs, loss and expense and has acted as the Party Appointed Expert as well as assisting Quantum's Experts in the preparation of arbitration-ready documents including the preparation of statement of claims on behalf of contractors.



Michael has also received party appointed instructions for the preparation of preliminary quantum reports for use by litigation funders in arbitration proceedings.

Michael is committed to meeting client's expectations whilst maintaining the core values of innovation, collaborative working and a high degree of integrity. His professional work ethic and ability to adapt to any given situation has allowed him the opportunity to work for a number of clients such as Vodafone, Education Funding Agency, Ministry of Defence, various housing associations, the Shangri-La Hotel, private developers and a multitude of multi-billion-dollar turnover contractors and sub-contractors across the Middle East and Far East.

Michael has been with Quantum Global Solutions for nine years and is now the Country Director for the UAE responsible for the development of business and management of over 20 employees. His ability, professional attitude and work ethic have allowed Michael to develop from a consultant through to a Country Director reporting directly to Quantum's Managing Director.

Highlights

- Over 20 years' experience in commercial and claims management.
- Multi-million dollar experience on state signature projects.
- Experienced in the use of FIDIC 87, FIDIC 1999, FIDIC 2017, JCT and knowledge of NEC forms of Contract.
- Sectoral experience includes education, industrial, commercial, leisure, residential, healthcare, waste management, airports, MEP, oil and gas, metro/rail and desalination plants, power including solar plant projects.
- Michael's geographical experience has centred in the Middle East, Malaysia, Hong Kong, South Korea and the UK.

Qualifications and Associations

- BSc (Hons) in Building Surveying.
- LLM in Construction Law and Arbitration.
- MRICS – Chartered Quantity Surveyor (Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors).
- MCIOB (Member of the Chartered Institute of Building).
- MCI Arb (Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators).
- MCABE (Member of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers).

Sectoral Experience

- Airports.
- Metro/rail.
- Oil and gas.
- Leisure.
- Industrial.
- Education and healthcare.
- Commercial and residential buildings.
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing.
- Waste management and desalination plants.
- Power including solar plants.

Geographical Experience

- Middle East.
- Malaysia.
- Hong Kong.
- South Korea.
- United Kingdom.

Expert Works

2024 – Party Appointed Quantum Expert for the claimant dealing with quantum matters in a Qatar seated arbitration for the construction of several mixed-use buildings and villas. Cost claim headings include disputed value of works executed pre-termination, claims for variations, claims for interest on underpayment and under-certification and Covid-19 related claims for costs increases in materials, labour, prolongation and delay related costs. The value in dispute is US\$ 190.16 million (mn).

2024 – Party Appointed Quantum Expert for the claimant dealing with quantum matters in a Dubai seated arbitration for the construction of over 100 residential villas. Cost claim headings include disputed value of works executed pre-termination, claims for variations, claims for interest on underpayment and under-certification and prolongation and delay related costs.

2024 – Party Appointed Quantum Expert for the respondent dealing with quantum matters in a Qatar seated arbitration for the construction of a hotel. Cost claim headings include claims for completion of works by other contractors as a back-charge to the contractors account based on lawful termination for breach of contract, claims by the contractor for variations, prolongation cost claims and interest on late certification and payments. The value in dispute is US\$ 40.18 mn.

2024 – Appointed as Independent Expert to provide an independent expert opinion for matters in dispute between an employer and contractor relating to an EoT, prolongation costs and a price escalation claim. In the disputed matters between the parties Michael was required to independently review and provide his opinion on the merit, principles, and entitlements (if any) to the claims. This was summarised into a detailed independent report of the claims/rebuttals presented by both parties.

2023 - Party Appointed Quantum Expert for the respondent dealing with quantum matters in dispute relating to the construction of a power plant in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The arbitration is an ICC seated case following 2021 ICC rules. In the matters in dispute Michael provided his opinion on matters including prolongation costs, variations, back charges and claims for recovery of preliminaries during the period of construction and prior to the claimant's termination. The value in dispute is US\$ 10.8 million (mn).

2021 – Party appointed quantum expert for quantum matters in dispute relating to landscaping works to a five-star hotel complex, Palm Jumeirah, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Michael acted as the expert for the DIAC arbitration proceedings for the claimant with a disputed value of US\$ 1.36 mn relating to matters of quantum such as disputed variations, prolongation costs, finance charges, loss of head office overhead contributions and loss of profit.

2020 - Preparation of a Party Appointed preliminary quantum Expert Report for use by litigation funders to make an assessment as to the merits of claim heads for a dispute over the value of works completed, variations and claims for interest on sums due. The substance of the dispute related to delay and disruption for the construction of a district cooling plant in Dubai, UAE.

2018/19 – Proprietary works to assist the defendant prepare a statement of defence and counterclaim in arbitral proceedings for MEP work in an airport. Works involved the collation of documentation and narratives for various rebuttals of delay events. Works also included the use of a document control server for sorting over 1.8 million documents. Works also included a review of principle and liability matters for variations applied for by the claimant and an assessment of the fair and reasonable variation assessment to include in the statement of defence and counterclaim. Works also included the collation of cost data and narrative for the counterclaim for the completion of the MEP works following the termination of the claimant.

2017 – Proprietary works to assist Party Appointed Expert Witness on matters of quantum in connection with the construction of a hospital in Petra Jaya, Malaysia. Works involved the review of documentation, costs and claims for preliminaries, loss of profit, damages, interest on late payment and sub-contractor claims. This involved the production of an expert report to be used and appended to the claimant’s statement of claim.

2016 - Statement of claim preparation for arbitral proceedings for a hospital project, Malaysia. Duties included the review of contract obligations due to the termination by the main contractor; preparation of delay analysis showing entitlement for delay and associated prolongation costs; review of contemporaneous documents; preparation of disruption costs using a measured mile methodology; preparation of a statement of claim document ready to submit as part of arbitral proceedings setting out the claim for delay, disruption and acceleration including claims for costs related to wrongful termination and repudiation of contract.

2016 – Proprietary works to assist Party Appointed Expert Witness on matters of quantum in connection with an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) waste trans-shipment and processing facility in Doha. Quantum issues relating to variations of the work, delay of work with claims for prolongation costs and additional work to the scope, (early FIDIC contract with arbitration under ICC rules). Instructing solicitors - Derains & Gharavi.

2016 – Proprietary works to assist Party Appointed Expert Witness on matters of quantum in connection with an earthworks sub-contract subject to termination by a major international contracting company. Works related to the construction of a major highway scheme in Qatar and related in particular to the sub-contract works involving excavation and materials processing for large structures, highways construction and drainage. Documents are now exchanged, with the matter put before the tribunal in December 2018.



Career History

January 2016 - Present

Country Director – Quantum Global Solutions

August 2012 – December 2015

Senior Surveyor/Team Lead – AECOM

2005 – 2012

Senior Surveyor/Office Manager – Paul Ennis and Company