



# SUSAN FRANCOMBE

ADJUDICATOR, ARBITRATOR, BARRISTER,  
CHARTERED CIVIL ENGINEER

## OBJECTIVE

To resolve or prevent disputes in a commercial and pragmatic way.

To provide quality impartial and proportionate decision making services.

## SKILLS

Strong technical and analytical skills combined with an enthusiastic outlook and positive manner.

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## SUMMARY

Susan Francombe is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has been accredited to CEDR as an Adjudicator and Arbitrator since 2012.

She acts as an Adjudicator/Arbitrator on disputes ranging from statutory construction adjudication to consumer and industry panel arbitrations. She has been appointed on over 50 construction adjudications and on hundreds of consumer and industry arbitrations.

Susan Francombe is also a Chartered Civil Engineer with a wide range of construction experience both on site and in the design office.

Examples of the types of disputes she has been involved with include:

- Legal issues and contract interpretation
- Professional negligence
- Foundation and piling design
- Infrastructure including railway and water industry
- Tunnelling
- Mining
- Renewable energy
- Glazing
- Hotels
- Office buildings

## EDUCATION

- Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Chartered Civil Engineer
- Member Institution of Civil Engineers
- Called to the Bar
- Diploma in Laws
- Diploma in Adjudication
- Honours Degree in Civil Engineering

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE OR LEADERSHIP

- Member of The Institution of Civil Engineers Law and Contract Management Examination Committee
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators/Adjudication Society Guidance Note working group
- Secretary to the Adjudication Society
- Trustee to the National Animal Welfare Trust

## EXPERIENCE

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- 2012 - Date  
**Adjudicator/Arbitrator – The Business of Building**  
Acting as Adjudicator/Arbitrator on a variety of consumer and business disputes.  
Providing consultancy advice to companies and individuals on dispute resolution and avoidance.  
Mentoring new consumer panel Arbitrators for CEDR.
- 2002 - 2012  
**In-House Counsel – Laing O’Rourke**  
Providing legal and commercial advice to business units of the international engineering and construction company.  
Responsible for handling the resolution of disputes by way of mediation, adjudication, litigation and arbitration ranging in value from a few thousand pounds to tens of millions.  
Responsible for negotiating a variety of contracts from standard form to PFI/PPP projects.  
Presentations to business units on contractual and legal issues.
- 2000 - 2002  
**In-House Counsel – Aukett Europe**  
Introducing formal risk management systems and ensuring corporate governance compliance to a listed property and construction design company.  
Providing legal and contractual advice to the practice.
- 1999 - 2000  
**Contracts Manager – Wren Managers Limited**  
Providing legal advice to members of the Architect’s professional indemnity insurance mutual.  
Liaison with underwriters and claims handlers.
- 1997 - 1999  
**Lawyer - Hammond Suddards Solicitors**  
Provision of legal advice on construction and building projects.  
Mainly contentious work encompassing both Arbitration and Litigation.
- 1996 – 1997  
**Contracts Specialist – Halcrow**  
Contractual advice both within the business and to external clients including claims assessment.  
Secondment to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.
- 1993 – 1996  
**Assistant Contract Engineer – London Underground**  
Contract administration on the Jubilee Line Extension Project.  
Responsibility for the civil works package at Waterloo Station.
- 1987 - 1993  
**Civil Engineer – Mouchel**  
Graduate civil engineer training programme both on site and in the design office, leading the Chartered Civil Engineer status.