

Ross Taylor

MSc BSc (Hons)
Consultant



Profile

Ross is a Planner and Delay Analyst who specializes in the preparation and defence of claims for extensions of time.

Starting his career with a Main Contractor, Ross worked as a Construction Manager across a broad range of commercial, residential, education, and mixed-use projects where he gained experience managing subcontractor packages throughout the construction process. During that time, he also gained exposure using risk management, trade coordination and project planning tools, as well as initial experience in the preparation of Contractor delay and disruption claims.

Having a particular interest in the use and management of complex data, Ross supplemented his work experience with an MSc in Business Analytics. During that time, he used Applied Systems Dynamic Modelling to demonstrate how humanistic biases and rounding errors were leading to significant reporting errors in the project controls systems within major infrastructure projects underway.

Ross subsequently accepted a position with a project management consultancy. Although Ross was initially engaged as a project manager, he quickly found his skills were and data management abilities made him particularly adept at programming and he transitioned into a dedicated programme and planning management position. He advised clients on all elements of programme strategy as well as monitoring and coordination of live construction projects. This often led to further works in Delay and Disruption, and ultimately to his role as a witness on a number of Adjudications acting in defence of a number of his clients.

Ross is proficient in a range of planning and project management software tools and is experienced in the use of various delay techniques.

Qualifications and Professional Membership

MSc	Business Analytics (Warwick University) (Distinction)
BSc (Hons)	Construction Engineering Management (Loughborough University)

Career History

2021 to date	Consultant at Tudor Rose
2018 - 2021	Senior Planning Manager in Project Management Consultancy
2016 - 2018	Planning Manager in Project Management Consultancy
2015 - 2016	Assistant Project Manager in Project Management Consultancy
2012 - 2015	Assistant Site Manager at Main Contractor
2008 - 2012	Trainee Site Manager at Main Contractor

Assignments and Achievements

Delay Analysis

- Engagement by a Developer regarding the analysis of the Impact of design changes on a JCT Design & Build Contract. Used analysis and team workshops to negotiate a final settlement of an extension of time dispute.
- Defence of an employer against a series of main contractor extension of time claims in relation to multiple Relevant Events under a JCT Design & Build Contract. Undertook an analysis to demonstrate a smaller delay was reasonably substantiated by the information made available by the Main Contractor.
- Provided analyses that led to multiple amicable agreements over the Impact of COVID on multiple live construction sites during the course of 2020.
- Engagement by an employer to retrospectively analyse the impacts of multiple design changes across a main contractor's works. The analysis was used to form an overall view of main contractor entitlement ahead of the successful negotiation of a deed of variation to the main contract.
- Defence of a Main Contractor in relation to multiple delay and disruption claims brought by an MEP Subcontractor regarding work phase handovers. The Analysis of handover records was used to demonstrate subcontractor culpability for a number of delays which was instrumental in the negotiation of a commercial settlement without the need for legal proceedings.

Programme Monitoring and Project Controls

- Programme lead on a variety of projects in which time he developed and applied programme monitoring tools to accurately control every aspect of the construction works. The tools developed were often tailored to meet specific project requirements and evolved to address the ongoing works at any particular point in time.
- Analysis of employer's projects to identify those at risk of delay. These projects were then placed into special measures to protect employer including the preparation and maintenance detailed record keeping as required. This allowed for better detailed record sets on specific projects which were successfully used in adjudication.

Adjudication

- Representation of an employer in a claim against a main contractor regarding delays to a top-down reinforced concrete frame. Provided witness statements and substantiation to demonstrate how contractor delays were responsible for the resequencing and delay to the Critical Path of the Works.
- Defence of an employer in a claim by a main contractor regarding delays to a structural steel frame. Provided witness statements and analysis to demonstrate inconsistencies in the main contractor's position in respect of procurement delays and steelwork fabrication issues.
- Representation of an employer in a claim made against a main contractor relating to delays to a prestigious residential scheme. Provided witness statements, critical path analysis, and phasing diagrams to demonstrate the longest path of the remaining works.
- Supporting an employer in the defence of a claim a main contractor relating to delays in the construction of a reinforced concrete frame. Information provided helped to demonstrate the Main Contractor's partial responsibility for the overall delay through changes made to the As-Built logistics and steel install sequence over the course of the works.

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