Thomas Sands

CONSULTING



Expertise

- Building Surveying
- Project Management
- Contract Administration
- Planning and Building Control Applications
- Party Wall Services
- CDM Principal Designer
- Insurance Assessment and Reinstatement
- Property Maintenance
- AutoCAD

Experience

Derek is a Chartered Building Engineer and Surveyor. Originally trained as an Architectural Technician, Derek has over 25 years experience in the construction industry. He has worked in both the public and private sector businesses.

Prior to joining Thomas Sands Derek was a contracts manager for a contractor with responsibility for project costing and management of predominantly repair contracts for the insurance industry. Derek has therefore worked both sides of the fence.

Since joining Thomas Sands he has undertaken the design of projects, building surveys and coordinating building projects on a variety of commissions for Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Health sector clients. He has also prepared a number of expert witness reports into the identification and pricing of defective work on residential and commercial projects.

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Professional Qualifications

- CIArb Diploma in Adjudication 2017
- CIArb Certificate in Adjudication 2016
- ABC Occupational Health and Safety Practice – 2002
- City & Guilds AutoCAD 1992 1993
- RICS Final Exams Building Surveying 1992
- CIOB Certificate of Competence Site Surveying and Levelling 1983 – 1985

Professional Memberships

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
 July 2017
- Fellow of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers – September 2017
- Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors - June 2011

Expert Witness and Dispute Resolution Experience

Since joining Thomas Sands in October 2007, I have increasingly become involved in dispute resolution work, regularly acting as party advisor and expert witness on building surveying matters. I have acted as Part 35 Expert and Single Joint Expert in arbitration and litigation.

Matters in issue include:-

- Dilapidations to commercial premises
- Boundary disputes
- Identification and rectification of defective building work to domestic properties
- Repairs to domestic property following a flood
- Repairs to domestic property following a fire

Career History

Oct 07 to present. Senior Building Surveyor and Project Manager with Thomas Sands. leader/task co-ordinator of the construction project team for commercial and residential client projects. Architectural and building surveying tasks include design of projects, planning applications, building regulation applications, ensuring the design meets the requirements of British Standards and Bye-The inspection and management of contractors during the currency of the project to ensure design, quality, safety, programme and budget compliance. April 06 to present. Partner in a private Architectural practice J and D Designs. Main concentration of projects includes Residential Planning and Building Control applications for private individuals and contractors.

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Career History (cont'd)

May 99 – Oct 07. Contracts Manager with Durabuild, a local building contractor undertaking construction projects and Insurance reinstatement works. Derek was responsible for tender submissions and the resourcing and controlling of all contractual and financial aspects of building projects from initial enquiry to final account. Main client base housing associations and insurance companies.

April 97 – May 99. Building Surveyor with B.D.S Chartered Surveyors. BDS are a privately owned surveying practice undertaking all the services of Chartered Surveyors. BDS worked in many varied business sectors.

Oct 90 – April 97. Building Surveyor with London Borough of Hounslow. Derek was part of an area property team who were involved in design and contract administration of a wide variety of projects including domestic extensions, refurbishment and alterations. Derek was also responsible for the day to day and planned maintenance on all council owned or leased properties including offices, schools, residential homes, parks, chapels, cemeteries and allotments.

Dec 88 – Oct 90. Assistant Building Surveyor with M & E Whites Ltd. M & E Whites Ltd is a multidiscipline practice of Architects, Building Surveyors, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers with a client base of Local and Health Authorities.

Dec 87 – Dec 88. Professional Technical Officer with P.S.A. Derek was responsible for the turn around maintenance of US military family accommodation for properties located in and around High Wycombe. Derek was also the area clerk of works for North West of London.

July 85 – Dec 87. Trainee Architectural Technician/Building Surveyor with In-Depth Designs. Working in a Building Surveying and Planning Consultancy practice.

Practice Profile

The services which the practice offers includes quantity surveying, employers' agent, building project management surveying, and construction contract and dispute resolution The work which the practice has services. undertaken is to housing projects (both private, commercial, local authority and listed properties), schools, sports facilities, university accommodation (both teaching and residential), shops, factories, offices, pubs, restaurants and hotels. Surveying services have also been undertaken in connection with civil, petro-chemical, process and waste water engineering. We also act as national surveyors and contract advisors to the National House Building Council (NHBC).