

Experience Summary

Jimmy has 39 years' global experience as an architect. His experience spans across five continents with the total value in excess of US\$ 20 billion (bn) which has enabled him to accumulate and develop skills in many areas of property development. This has led him to become a specialist property development consultant, providing a professional service from preparing development briefs, financial analysis, design, and project and contract management to facility management.



Jimmy was appointed as the Head of Design and Senior Project Manager at the Engineer's Office of His Highness, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, ruler of the Emirate of Dubai. As Head of Design he managed a team of 65 across seven disciplines for 111 private, commercial, and public projects at peak, and 69 projects as Senior Project Manager.

His broad practical experience has enabled him to develop his skills as an Expert in resolving disputes for clients and as Expert Witness in arbitration. He has prepared independent reports and given expert opinion in 29 disputes, with seven having resulted in appearances in the witness box.

He has a vision for detail with a bespoke methodology and understands the broader issues that can be predominant in the dispute resolution process. Jimmy applies critical methods of analysis to ascertain the magnitude, occurrence and causes of the claim and is applied in incorporating technical analysis with any delay, quantum and commercial assessment applicable.

He is avid in deciphering the art of dispute analysis, with a practical and impartial approach to each case undertaken and has successfully accomplished many cases since 2010 in Dubai at both DIFC and DIAC. In addition, he has resolved many cases of potential disputes amiably between parties, and assisted developer and contractor clients in the proper implementation of project management at pre and post contract stages.

"...the Tribunal considers the evidence of Mr Loh to be more reflective of the completeness of the design and accordingly the Tribunal finds that the claimant had completed XX% of the services on..." Final Award Statement

"As a result of his highly detailed and accurate investigative analysis and graphical charting and presentations, his arguments were very persuasive, and we achieved a positive outcome in our case." Client testimonial.

Highlights

- Over 39 years of industry experience across five continents.
- Chartered Architect.
- Jimmy is proficient contract management, disputes and arbitration and expert witness.
- Party Appointed Expert Witness and cross examined in both courts and tribunals.
- Previously appointed Justice of the Peace to City Magistrates' Court, Manchester.
- Expert in contract - bespoke and FIDIC.



Qualifications and Associations

- BA (Hons).
- Bachelor of Architecture.
- MRIBA (Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects).
- Member of Society of Construction Law (Gulf)

Sectoral Experience

- High rise residential and office towers.
- Hotels and resorts.
- Mixed-use developments.
- Rail and tunnel infrastructure.
- Retail, leisure and entertainment.
- Sustainable localise waste water treatment systems.
- Specialist combined power, hot water and chilled water systems.
- Royal palaces, villa, resorts and facilities.
- Airports, industrial and business parks.
- Hospitals and educational institutions.
- Conservation and new town developments.
- Interior design and fit-out works.

Geographical Experience

- Middle East.
- Asia Pacific.
- Europe

Expert Works

Luxury Hotel in Burj Khalifa Downtown Dubai - Party Appointed Expert Witness to represent the Lead Consultant, the Respondent, against a negligence claim following damages that resulted in US\$ 327 million (mn) insurance settlement. Case is on-going.

A 71-Storey Luxury Residential Tower in Burj Khalifa Downtown Dubai - Party Appointed Expert representing the Lead Consultant to provide an expert review and assessment of their entitlement for professional fees following termination by the employer. Case is on-going.

49-Storey Residential Tower, Sheikh Zayed Road, Downtown, Dubai - Party Appointed Expert to prepare an expert report to support the local legal counsel representing the employer, the claimant, in an arbitration held at the local Dubai Courts against the design engineers in default of their performance in the delivery of the project. The claim is in excess of US\$ 40 mn.

5-star hotel and resort development at Palm Jumeriah – Party Appointed Expert Witness on issues relating to the design, as-built and luxurious standards of penthouse units leading to a disputed claim in the ‘material and adverse change to the drawings’ within the sales and purchase agreement. Prepared Expert Report and attended the tribunal hearing to provide oral evidence during cross examination. Following the first case, was re-appointed for a second case. Value of claims US\$ 16.3 mn.

Architect’s Fees – Party Appointed Expert Witness in the development of a master plan project in Dubai that was put in abeyance following the 2008 financial crisis following which the appointed architects, (a major international architectural and multi-disciplinary company), submitted their claims for professional fees based on percentage of work completed for each stage of the architectural appointment. This was disputed by the respondent at a DIAC tribunal and hearing.



Jimmy gave oral statement as Expert Witness and the award was successful for the claimant. Value of claims US\$ 6 mn.

Defects on finishing works in a 5-star hotel - Major defects to the floor and other finishes to the bathrooms in 80% of all the rooms in a hotel which was handed over six months previously. Jimmy reviewed, analysed, and prepared a report of the defects, its cause and ascertained responsibilities of the relevant parties. Led successful negotiations for all parties in resolving the rectifications works together with the commercial claims for loss of revenues by the operator during the works. Value of claims US\$ 11 mn.

Claim relates to works for the operations complex of the onshore LNG facilities - The claimant is a sub-contractor to a main contractor, the respondent, with claims relating to additional works instructed by the main contractor and the employer that included design changes, variation orders, EoT, disruption of works and completion certificates in breach of the sub-contract. Representing the respondent, the role is to review, analyse and assess the claimant's claims and produce advice notes to the leading expert. Value of claims US\$ 7 mn of overall US\$ 205 mn claim.

Delay of handover of residential units in a high-rise development project – Party Appointed Expert Witness in multiple claims by residential and retail end-buyers against the developer for delay of handover and termination and counter claims, conducted at DIFC courts including attending hearing for oral statement as Expert Witness. The claim was successfully awarded to the claimant.

Development of residential tower within a master plan - A claim by a sub-developer against the master developer for their non-performance in the provision of utility infrastructure that delayed the sub-developer's progress and subsequent abeyance of his development that also led to claims against the sub-developer from his end-buyers. The claim was successfully awarded to the sub-developer.

Interior fit-out works - Expert advice including preparation of reports for interior fit-out contractors in hotels, resorts, offices and residential projects for numerous claims in variation orders, extension of time, design changes, delays, quantum, commercial and contractual issues which were all successful.

Claim for injury at a resort in Dubai - The claim was from a UK tourist visitor staying at a major luxury resort in Dubai who incurred a serious injury from a fall due to bad lighting. The instruction was from a UK lawyer to prepare an Expert Witness report for the County Court at Northampton. A settlement was successfully concluded.

Expert instructions by:

- Kennedys LLP.
- Youssef & Partners.
- Squire Patton Boggs (MEA) LLP.
- P&T Architects & Engineers Ltd.
- Fichte & Co.
- KBH Kaanuun.
- Argo and Tryst Re (insurers).
- Ralli Ltd.



Career History

August 2018 - Present

Director and Expert – Quantum Global Solutions – Plus 3 Partner

September 2008 – July 2018

Managing Director – J Loh Associates

December 2017 – March 2018

Technical Expert Director (Middle East) - Diales Technical (part of the Driver Group)

July 2015 – June 2016

Executive Director of Projects and Development – Global Village

September 2005 – March 2008

Head of Design/Senior Project Manager - Engineer's Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai

March 2002 – August 2005

Project Director – Cathay Interior Sdn. Bhd

November 1999 – August 2001

Director – LPT Sdn. Bhd. (Currently AEDAS)

May 1995 – October 1997

Managing Director – Original Scope Sdn. Bhd

January 1988 – December 1994

Principal – Loh Design Practice

March 1985 – December 1987

Senior Architect and Office Manager – Stephenson Benton Smith Partnership

March 1983 – March 1985

Project Architect – John Brunton Partnership

July 1980 – March 1983

Architect – Taylor Young & Partners