



## CURRICULUM VITAE – GENERAL

**Name:** **MICHAEL CONRAD CHARLTON**

**Qualifications:** BA(Hons)  
(Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Mathematics (upper second))  
(Date of Qualification 1984)

FRICS  
(Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors)  
(Date of Qualification 1978)

FHKIS  
(Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors)  
(Date of Qualification 1991)

FCI Arb  
(Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators)  
(Date of Qualification 1987)

RPS(QS)  
(Registered Professional Surveyor – Quantity Surveying)

### **Current Position Held**

Managing Director – Charlton Martin Consultants Limited  
Chairman – Charlton Martin Construction Contracts Consultants Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore

### **Previous major employment position held (up to 31 October 2004)**

- Joint Chief Executive – James R Knowles (Holdings) PLC, and directorships of subsidiaries in Asia, Australia and Middle East.

## **Other Positions**

- Committee member of Chartered Institute of Arbitration Hong Kong Branch 1990-99.
- Honorary Secretary of the Branch 1992-94.
- Appointed Chairman of the Branch 1994-95.
- Committee member of the Society of Construction Law Hong Kong 2003 - 5.
- Member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, and HKIS/HKIA Panel of Arbitrators.
- Lecturer to CITA Management Course and HKU Management Course and HKU on mediation (and arbitration). Lecturer and tutor on numerous arbitration courses and surgeries for CI Arb.

## **General Description of Specialisation**

- Well-known and established figure in the Hong Kong construction industry, and in the region generally.
- In private practice for 18 years as a chartered quantity surveyor, working at senior level in the UK and then in Singapore.
- Following 3 years in Singapore, joined James R Knowles in 1984 and then established their first overseas office in Hong Kong in 1985. Twenty years with Knowles, developed their businesses throughout Asia and Australia.
- Since 1985, specialized in claims and dispute resolution. Apart from business development in the Asia Pacific region, has been primarily engaged in representing all sides of the construction industry in preparation and presentation of claims or defence thereto, and their settlement.
- Acted as expert witness in numerous arbitration and litigation proceedings.
- Appointed as arbitrator on some 30 occasions, and occasionally appointed as adjudicator and mediator. Acted in expert determination.
- Acted as lay advocate in many arbitrations (with much success).
- Represented parties in major mediations.
- Very well known speaker in Hong Kong and the Asia-Pacific region. Has prepared and presented more than 500 public seminars for Knowles/Charlton Martin.

## **Professional Experience**

- Comprehensive professional quantity surveying experience (18 years post qualification before specializing in dispute resolution).

- Advises contractors, subcontractors and employers on their contractual entitlements under various forms of contract.
- Handles negotiation and settlement of claims for clients on building and civil engineering projects.
- Provides advice in respect of all quantity surveying measurement and valuation issues, as well as contractual and commercial matters.

### **Arbitration Experience**

- Former Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Hong Kong) Branch.
- Appointed as Arbitrator on approximately thirty construction disputes.
- Representation of clients (as manager and lay advocate) in over thirty construction arbitrations.

### **Adjudication Experience**

- Representation of clients in two construction adjudications.

### **Mediation Experience**

- Acted as Mediator in four construction mediations.
- Representation of clients in twelve construction mediations.

### **Expert Witness Experience**

- Provided services in many arbitrations and litigations on measurement and valuation of building and civil engineering works, including giving evidence under cross-examination before counsel and SC/QC.

### **Lecturing Experience**

- 1993 – 1995      Lecturer at City Polytechnic of Hong Kong on PGD/MA Arbitration course.
- 1989 – 2002      Lecturer for Construction Industry Training Association.
- 1990 – 2000      Lecturer for Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Hong Kong/East Asia Branch) on Entry Courses.
- 1987 – present    Presented over 500 public seminars on a range of construction contract topics within Hong Kong and the Asia-Pacific and Australia regions.

## Publications

- Publishes technical publications on contractual matters in local journals.

## Previous Employment

1968 – 1973	<b>Assistant /Senior Quantity Surveyor</b>	England
1973 – 1981	Townsend & Renaudon Chartered Quantity Surveyors <b>Manager / Associate</b>	England
1981 – 1984	Frank & Vargeson Chartered Quantity Surveyors <b>Principal</b>	Singapore
1984 – 1985	James R Knowles <b>Senior Consultant</b>	England
1985 – 1998	James R Knowles (Hong Kong) Limited <b>Managing Director</b>	Hong Kong
1998 – 2002	East Asia, James R Knowles (Holdings) PLC <b>Group Managing Director</b>	Hong Kong
2002 – 2004	<b>Joint Chief Executive</b> Knowles Holdings PLC, with particular responsibility for the Middle East, Asia and Australia regions, board member from 1998	World wide

May 2005 - established Michael Charlton & Company Limited in Hong Kong and commenced business on his own account providing services to the industry in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

September 2007 Established Charlton Martin Construction Contracts Consultants with Mr Rodney Martin forming a new business in Malaysia and changing the name of the existing company. Mr Rodney Martin worked for 7 years with Mr Charlton as his regional manager for Malaysia and Singapore whilst employed with Knowles. Offices in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore

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