



JOHN R. BRELLS, B.Sc., ARI, MACES, MAACEI



Mr. Brells is a Principal with Long International with over 35 years of experience in the heavy industrial sectors including mining and metals, oil and gas, LNG, power, petrochemical, infrastructure, and commercial development projects. Mr. Brells has been employed by engineering and construction practices and construction claim consultancies and has represented government agencies, private-sector employers, contractors, subcontractors, and manufacturers. He is an internationally recognized expert on matters of time and associated costs and has been appointed as an expert witness in legal proceedings. Mr. Brells frequently advises owners, contractors, and legal counsel on matters of planning, risk, delay, and disruption on major complex projects. He is experienced with Primavera P6, Primavera Risk Analysis, Power BI, Microsoft Project, Microsoft Excel and Access, Acumen Fuse and NUIX, an eDiscovery software.

In addition to his technical skills, Mr. Brells has been responsible for initiating, developing, and managing construction claims groups for and within large consultancy practices. He initially commenced employment with Hill International (now HKA) and grew its Middle East/North Africa (MENA) claims practice from a single-client, single-project operation in Abu Dhabi, UAE, to a multi-client, multi-project, 58-professional staff offering services throughout the MENA region and generating annual revenues of US\$28 million and profits of US\$6 million. During his employment with Turner & Townsend, Mr. Brells initiated and developed its contract services offering for its Australian business unit. The contract services group initially commenced with a single staff member, but within three years, Mr. Brells grew the practice to 13 staff offering expert witness services in all sectors of infrastructure, natural resources, and property, and generating annual revenues up to AU\$8 million.

EDUCATION

B.Sc., Industrial-Construction Management, Colorado State University, 1984, with honors

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International

Member of Australian Cost Engineer Society

Member of Society of Construction Law

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Representative U.S. and international technical experience includes:

- Forensic delay and disruption analysis to determine time impacts, acceleration, and loss of productivity
- Construction claims preparation, analysis, defense, and negotiation of settlements
- Senior management of construction claims departments and teams of consultants on complex heavy industrial project disputes in the natural resources sector
- Identification and systematic evaluation of major engineering and construction problems and their cause/effect relationship on cost and schedule overruns
- Expert witness testimony
- Speaker and author of numerous articles on the subjects of construction claims, planning excellence, schedule delay analysis, and damages calculation methodologies