

Forensic services



Providing experts to find out what went wrong, when and how

Capita Symonds is a leading consultant with a broad range of in-house technical expertise.

Leading law firms have been instructing the firm's directors and senior staff for many years, initially to provide expert advice, and later in cases before the Official Referees, the Technology and Construction Court, the County Courts and in the Scottish Court of Session.

A specialist team based in central London co-ordinates the practice's forensic work. It provides training, witness preparation and mentoring for senior colleagues to help them deliver advice and evidence of a consistently high standard. With one phone call, clients can obtain an excellent expert who will either be a highly experienced expert or, through behind the scenes mentoring, will perform as an experienced expert.

Those instructing a Capita Symonds expert receive thoroughly researched, unbiased advice and reports, clearly explained in non-technical language. Our experts are familiar with experts' meetings, civil procedures and protocols, and other aspects of forensic work.

Architecture - buildings, landscape and urban

Bridges and culverts

Concrete (including cracking and watertightness)

Contaminated land

Demolition & collapse

Surface & foul water drainage (including inland and coastal flooding)

Earthworks (including slope and rock engineering)

Environment (including arboriculture, archaeology, conservation, ecology, sustainability and waste)

Foundations & underpinning

Geotechnical engineering (including ground improvement, landslips and mining)

Health & safety

Highways & transportation

Marine & coastal engineering

Materials & minerals

Mechanical & electrical engineering (including building services)

Quantum / delay analysis

Retaining walls & piling

Subsidence & heave

Tunnels

and many others

Capability

All Capita Symonds experts work closely with a forensic researcher who gives advice and assistance on scientific principles, can perform evidential research, and will verify reports for non-technical accessibility, completeness, consistency, style and, where appropriate, compliance with the civil procedure rules.

Civil & geotechnical engineering

Capita Symonds' experts have received instructions to investigate a wide range of matters involving civil and geotechnical engineering. These have included earthworks, highways, bridges, tunnels, port structures, retaining walls and airports.

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Structural engineering

Capita Symonds has potential experts in all areas that it operates in. Many cases involve structural engineering in matters as diverse as demolition, underpinning, façade retention, heave, subsidence, piles, cladding, structural steel and fit-out of new buildings.

Waste & environmental issues

Increasingly we are receiving instructions on matters involving environmental issues. These have involved contaminated land, pollution of waterways, operational and closed landfills, investigation of severely contaminated listed buildings, renewable energy, sewage outlets and regeneration.

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Forensic researchers

Scientists, architects and historians with training in forensic work, construction disputes and legal principles. Several have taken the King's College, London course in construction law.

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