

“CONTRACT MANAGEMENT – AN ARCHITECT’S PERSPECTIVE”

Synopsis.

Traditionally, the Architect occupies a rather special but yet difficult position with respect to most building contracts.

He is not a contractual party – he neither physically, constructs the building, nor does he pay for it but yet, he is required to shoulder very specific and important tasks – tasks which are essential to the successful conclusion of the Contract. Failure to perform these tasks correctly may result in a delay or abandonment of the works, financial loss or legal action through which the Architect becomes inextricably trapped.

Given the importance of the Architect’s role, it is not uncommon to hear of complaints against Architects and their poor standard of contract management and as the industry continues to evolve, many still continue to ask if the Architect is the best party to manage or administer the Contract.

This paper seeks to briefly examine the Architect’s role with specific regards to the PAM Form 2006 by looking at the responsibilities he is tasked with, his relationship with the Contractual Parties and his role in administering the Contract.