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**Chartered Architect | Chartered Building Engineer | Chartered Arbitrator | Accredited
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Professional Summary

Bernadette Barker is a Chartered Architect, Chartered Building Engineer and Chartered Arbitrator with over 35 years of experience in dispute resolution, construction law, and expert witness services. She is a Practising Member of The Academy of Experts and is listed on the RIBA Register of Experts. Bernadette is regularly appointed in disputes involving building defects, fire safety, external wall systems, cladding compliance, and professional negligence.

Her appointments include arbitrator, adjudicator, and expert witness, with panel listings on the CI Arb Presidential Panels (Arbitrators and Adjudicators), SCMA, SIAC, and HKIAC. She has appeared in court as an expert and as a witness of fact.

Bernadette holds the MSc in Construction Law & Arbitration from King's College London, and both CI Arb Diplomas in International Commercial Arbitration and International Maritime Arbitration. She is Bond Solon trained (civil, criminal, Scottish law, and courtroom procedure).

Core Expertise

- External wall systems (StoTherm, K15, Equitone, Corium, ACM, EPS)
 - Building Safety Act 2022 compliance
 - Cladding compliance and fire performance
 - CDM Regulations
 - Architect professional negligence
 - Project coordination and construction defect analysis
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Expert Witness Appointments

Bernadette has acted as an expert in a wide range of cases, including:

- Reports under the Building Safety Act 2022 (including s120 relevant defects)
- Fire safety, cavity barriers, and compartmentation
- Professional negligence of architects
- External wall insulation and façade systems
- CDM duties and compliance
- Adjudication and arbitration support matters
- Single Joint Expert appointments
- Intrusive inspections and reports on cladding materials and workmanship

A full list of appointments is available upon request.

Professional Qualifications and Registrations

- Chartered Architect (RIBA)
 - Architects Registration Board (ARB)
 - Chartered Arbitrator (CI Arb)
 - Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)
 - Chartered Arbitrator (CI Arb Presidential Panel)
 - Accredited Adjudicator (CI Arb Presidential Panel)
 - Accredited Mediator (Hunt ADR)
 - Chartered Building Engineer (MCABE)
 - Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE)
 - Associate Member, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)
 - Practising Member, The Academy of Experts (TAE)
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Panel Appointments

- CI Arb Presidential Panels of Arbitrators and Adjudicators
 - Pub Code and Commercial Rent Panels (CI Arb)
 - SIAC, SCMA, HKIAC Arbitrator Panels
 - HKIAC Arbitrator List
 - CIC Register of Adjudicators
 - CCODR Commercial Rent Arbitration Scheme
 - Hunt ADR Panel (including Low-Value Disputes)
 - UK Adjudicators
 - RIBA Register of Experts
 - UK Register of Expert Witnesses
 - ICC UK Arbitrator and ADR Database
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Expert Witness Training

- Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate (Civil) - 2021
 - Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate (Criminal) - 2022
 - Bond Solon Discussions Between Experts - 2022
 - Bond Solon Scottish Law & Procedure - 2023
 - Bespoke Bond Solon Criminal Law & Procedure Training - 2023
 - Bespoke Bond Solon Courtroom Skills - 2024
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Training and Qualifications

- MSc Construction Law & Arbitration - King's College London (Part Scholarship)
 - CI Arb Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration - 2014
 - CI Arb Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration - 2024
 - ICC Arbitration Training - 2014
 - Dispute Board Federation FIDIC Total Immersion Programme - 2015
 - BRE Fire Risk Assessment Diploma (Life Safety) - 2013
 - Level 5 Diploma in Retrofit Coordination and Risk Assessment - 2021
 - CWCT in the following modules:
 - Introduction To Curtain Walling Design And Construction (C201)
 - Built Up Walls - Construction And Specification (PR2)
 - Weather Tightness And Testing (C205)
 - Loads And Structural Performance, (C108)
 - Acoustics, (A101)
 - Fire Performance Of Facades, (F101),
 - Glass And Glazing (C202)
 - Materials (C205)
 - Thermal And Moisture Performance (C205).
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Project Experience

Bernadette's professional scope includes:

- Expert reports for cladding and fire safety defects, including StoTherm, Equitone, Corium, WM Zinc, Marley Eternit, Kingspan, and EPS systems
- CDM Regulation compliance for residential, hotel, retail and commercial developments
- Principal Designer appointments across a range of high-profile sites
- Site audits and design compliance for refurbishment and new-build schemes
- Risk assessments and method statements for contractors
- Fire Safety Orders 2005 assessments for mixed-use, residential, and heritage properties
- Training delivery to architects and contractors on CDM.

Academic and Teaching Roles

- Guest Lecturer on ADR and Adjudication - Oxford Brookes University (2025)
- Guest Lecturer on ADR and Dispute Avoidance - Kingston University (2025)
- Webinar on Adjudication - HS2 (2024)

Professional Memberships

- Society of Construction Law
- Adjudication Society (Senior Vice-Chair)
- LCIA, LSLC, WISTA, Baltic Exchange
- Fire Protection Association, CWCT, ArbitralWomen
- Worshipful Company of Arbitrators (Court Member)
- Council Member, The Academy of Experts

Employment History

Barker Consultants -(1993-Present)

James R Knowles - Senior Consultant (1989-1993)

Marks and Spencer plc- Management Architect (1988-1989)

John Laing plc - Project Architect (1986-1988)

Other Architectural Practices - Project and Assistant Architect (1984-1986)

Full expert case list available upon request.