

## **Richard Morton, RIBA, MA Dip Arch (Cantab)**

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**Qualifications** RIBA 1981, Dip Arch 1979, MA(Cantab) 1978, BA(Cantab) 1977

### **Professional Experience**

From 2012 Richard Morton Architects – Director  
1987-2012 Sidell Gibson Partnership – Partner (from 1998), Associate (from 1990)  
1979-1987 Dex Harrison & Pollard – Associate (from 1983)

Richard considers it very important to combine his work as an expert witness with his role as head of a busy design practice. His experience includes the design and delivery of projects in a number of different sectors and locations:

- Residential including 'high-end' houses and flats.
- Older people's housing including retirement villages, extra care schemes and care homes.
- Listed building restoration and conversion.
- Commercial Offices up to 250000 sf ft.
- Hotel in Central London.
- Work in the City of London and Westminster.
- Work in highly sensitive conservation area locations.

With over 60 design awards from 30 completed housing developments for older people, Richard is a leading specialist in this sector. Richard is chair of the Retirement Housing Group UK and has served on the British Standard Committee for **BS EN 16118** on Sheltered Housing. He is currently appointed as a member of the Government Taskforce for Older People's Housing.

### **Expert Witness Experience**

At RM Architects:

#### **Reports in 2022**

Instructions from Keoghs, DWF, Weightman, Caytons and Alston Asquith

#### **Report for Multiplex 2021**

Concerns issue of construction information.

#### **Report for a Private Client 2021**

Instructed by BLM Law

Concerns planning dispute.

#### **Report for a Private Client 2021**

Instructed by Mischon de Reya.

Concerns inflammable cladding.

#### **Report on behalf of Insurers 2021**

Instructed by BLM Law

Concerns work on a listed building.

Case Settled

**Report for a Private Client 2021**

Instructed by Jackson Rowe  
Concerns work on a large Private House

**Report on behalf of insurers 2021**

Instructed by Clyde and Co  
Concerns a major fire claim.

**Report for a Private Client 2021**

Instructed by Gepp solicitors.  
Concerns a fee dispute.

**Report for a Private Client 2021**

Instructed by Shakespeare Martineau  
Concerns a residential conversion.

**Report for a Private Client 2019**

Instructed by Attwaters Jameson Hill  
Concerns planning enforcement for a new detached house.

**Report for a Private Client 2019**

Instructed by Humphreys Law  
Report prepared concerning the staircase of a flat in Highgate.

**Report for a Private Client 2019**

Instructed by Hopkins Solicitors  
Concerns design failures at a new house near Norwich

**Report for a Private Client 2019**

Instructed by Slater Gordon  
Concerns injuries suffered in a fall over a low balustrade in a listed house.

**Report for a Private Client 2018**

- Instructed by Child & Child
- Report prepared concerning a development in Bushey.
- Represented client in Mediation.

**Report and Repair Brief for Private Client 2018**

- Concerns a new build private house in north London.
- Instructed by Mishcon de Reya.
- Expert report on widespread design and contract administration problems
- Parallel brief to design and specify necessary repairs.
- Matter now settled and Richard is advising on major repairs.

**Report for Private Client 2017**

- Instructed by Berry Smith
- Expert report repaired on planning failures and general architectural negligence.
- Matter still in hand

**Advice to DAC Beachcroft 2017**

- Insurance Claim by Guy Taylor Associates

**Cockell vs Holton**

- Dispute concerning repairs to a listed house after a fire. Settled 2015
- Instructed by Darryl Barnes of Blythe Liggins
- Wrote expert report.

At Sidell Gibson Partnership:

**Magnet Property Investments vs Pettifer Construction (Re St George's Tower, Leicester)**

- Dispute concerning the timing of Practical Completion, settled out of court.
- Instructed by Jonathan Pawlowski of Davies Arnold Cooper (now at Collyer Bristow) on behalf of Magnet.
- Wrote expert report.

**Network Rail v Transport for London (Re Bishopsgate Goodsyards)**

- Land valuation dispute heard at the Lands Tribunal – settled out of court.
- Instructed by Raj Gupta of Eversheds on behalf of TfL.
- Prepared detailed development feasibility studies as the basis for an expert report.

**Crown Estate v Aberdeen Steakhouse**

- Dispute relating to loss of trade due to construction works, heard in the Land Tribunal
- Wrote expert report, gave evidence at tribunal hearing on behalf of the Crown Estate resulting in a decision in the client's favour.

At Dex Harrison & Pollard:

**Columbus 1 Housing v Georg Galberg**

- Construction defects dispute heard in the High Court in the 1987 – settled.
- Wrote expert report, drafted Schott schedules.
- Examination in chief by Roger ter Haar QC