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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 - 4

Listed building instructions from Keoghs, Mishcon de Reya, RIAA Barker Gillette
Fire instruction Clyde and Co
Other Instructions DWF, Weightman, Caytons, Irwin Mitchell 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 Mishcon 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 Goodsyard)

- 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