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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 past chair of the Retirement Housing Group UK and has served on the British Standard Committee for **BS EN 16118** on Sheltered Housing. He was recently a member of the Government Taskforce for Older People's Housing.

Expert Witness Experience 2022 - 2025

FIRE

Instruction from Mishcon de Reya 2021 on behalf of the Claimant

Concerns inflammable cladding on a residential building in Bristol

Instruction from Clyde and Co 2021

Concerns a major fire claim to a residential building - defending

Instruction from Clyde and Co 2024

Concerns a fire in a medical facility – on behalf of the Claimant

Instruction from Hamlins 2025

Concerns inflammable cladding on a residential building in Hertfordshire

LISTED BUILDINGS

Instruction from Mishcon de Reya 2023

Concerns water penetration at a listed building in Chelsea

Instruction from RIAA Barker Gilette 2024

Concerns internal alterations to a Grade 1 listed house in London

Instruction from BLM Law/Keoghs 2022

Concerns water penetration to a public building in Cornwall

Instruction from BLM Law 2021

Planning dispute concerning a listed building in Sussex

PRIVATE HOUSES**Instruction by Jackson Rowe 2021**

Concerns architectural negligence at a large house in Berkshire

Instruction by HLR-Law 2024

Concerns architectural negligence at a house in Highgate

Instruction from Caytons 2023

Concerns architectural negligence at a house in Lincolnshire

Instruction from Irwin Mitchell 2024

Concerns a private house in North London

Instruction from Shakespeare Martineau 2021

Concerns a private house in Derbyshire

OTHERS**Report for Multiplex 2021**

Concerns issue of construction information on a major London hotel

Instruction from Alston Asquith

Concerns Planning and Fees on a major London residential development

Instruction from Weightmans 2021

Concerns building failures at a South London residential scheme

Report for a Private Client 2021 Instructed by Gepp solicitors.

Concerns a fee dispute.

Earlier Work at RM architects 2014 - 2019**Instructed by Attwaters Jameson Hill 2019**

Concerns planning enforcement for a new detached house.

Instructed by Humphreys Law 2019

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 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.

Advice to DAC Beachcroft 2017

- Insurance Claim by Guy Taylor Associates

Cockell vs Holton 2014

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

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

Network Rail v Transport for London (Re Bishopsgate Goodsyrd)

- 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.