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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.

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 still in hand

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 Goodsydard)

- 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