



WILLIAM BATES ARCHITECT



Chartered Architect, Arbitrator and Expert Witness

EXPERTISE

INDEPENDENT CHARTERED ARCHITECT

ARBITRATOR

EXPERT WITNESS

PROFESSIONAL

REGISTERED WITH THE ARCHITECTS
REGISTRATION BOARD (ARB)

RIBA MEMBER WITH CHARTERED
PRACTICE STATUS

ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE CHARTERED
INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS

MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY OF EXPERTS

MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF EXPERT
WITNESSES

INCLUSION ON THE RIBA PANEL OF
EXPERT WITNESSES SINCE 2018

FURTHER EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
DIPLOMA IN ARCHITECTURE
HONOURS DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURE

*Bartlett School of Architecture,
University College London
1973-1980*

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SKILLS PROFILE

Over the course of my career, I have developed a skill-set that includes design and technical abilities to find effective and high quality architectural solutions to a diverse range of building problems and to express those strategies by word, graphics and drawings. I am able to communicate clearly and precisely with people at all levels, from directors of global companies to site operatives.

I have a proven record of negotiating and influencing design solutions with client bodies, consultant specialists, building contractors and local authority officers and I am able to determine solutions to complex problems. I have a personal approach to problem solving from inception to completion which has required resourcefulness, reliability, trustworthiness and availability to my clients.

EXPERIENCE

Since 1984, I have operated as an independent consultant in the following sectors

Domestic

I specialise in the residential field of design with a portfolio that includes new houses, extending in size from small bungalows through to large bespoke houses in the £1m plus bracket, together with housing schemes of town houses.

I also have extensive experience with the design and management of house conversion and refurbishment projects for clients in Central London and the SE region, including a large number of Listed buildings, together with the design and construction of numerous extensions and alterations with contract values ranging from £30,000 to £800,000. These have comprised work on conventional houses from a variety of periods and styles as well as more unusual properties such as barns and oast houses.

Commercial and Leisure

I have also designed several retail and commercial schemes, ranging from one-off shops to mixed use retail and office schemes and a new village hall complete with sports changing facilities.

Expert Witness and Legal

I am a member of the RIBA panel of Expert Witnesses and a member of the Academy of Experts. I am experienced in the examination of drawings and other evidence and the preparation of expert witness reports in connection with legal proceedings, particularly those involving disputes concerning professional negligence and / or professional fees between client and architect. I have been appointed both as a party expert witness and as a single joint expert to evaluate evidence and provide opinion. I have appeared at both formal and informal hearings and mediations and I have High Court (Technology and Construction Court) experience. I am listed with the UK Register of Expert Witnesses, Expert Witness and the Federation of Expert Witnesses.

I also have experience in party wall negotiations and disputes, acting both for the developer / private owner and the adjoining owner.

I have extensive experience with Planning negotiations, formulating and presenting planning and Listed Building applications and Appeals, including appearing at both informal and formal hearings.