

John Perry B.Arch., B.Sc.(arch), RIBA, FRSA, ARB, MAE, AaPs

Curriculum Vitae

Qualifications, training accreditation

B.Arch. (Hons)	- Bachelor of Architecture, University of Bath 1975;
B.Sc. (arch) (Hons)	- Bachelor of Science in Architecture, University of Bath 1973.
ARB	- 1976
RIBA	- 1976
AaPS	- 1997
MAE	- 2000
FRSA	- 2019

Present Position

Senior Director of BLDA Architects Limited www.blda.co.uk

Principal Professional Specialisms

I am a Chartered Architect. I specialise in the design and delivery of high quality dwellings including individual houses and apartments for owner occupiers and high quality residential developments in the property development market. I also provide expert witness services in relation to construction and architectural disputes.

Professional responsibilities

I am responsible for the design process from inception to completion. With my senior co-director I am responsible for the direction of the business which comprises 35 staff. www.blda.co.uk/team/john-perry

I act as an expert witness.

I am a visiting lecturer to the masters' degree and professional practice courses at the School of Architecture, University of Bath.

Memberships of Professional Organisations and Awards

I was elected to:

- Membership of the Royal Institute of British Architects (**RIBA**) in 1976;
- Membership of the Architects' Registration Council of the United Kingdom (**ARCUK**) in 1976 (now The Architects' Registration Board (**ARB**));
- The Association of Planning Supervisors (**APS**) in 1997 (now the Association for Project Safety);
- The Academy of Experts (**MAE**) in 2000.
- Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts (**FRSA**) in 2019.
- Vice Chancellor's Roll of Honour 2020 University of Bath.

Synopsis of my career to date

My work is wide ranging across the field of architecture although focused on residential work.

Spanning a career of 40 years in private practice I have been responsible for the design and construction of many building types ranging in contract size up to £40,000,000 in the UK and £50,000,000 in Europe.

I have acted as an expert in many professional and construction related disputes. I am experienced in all aspects of expert work including report writing, meetings of experts, mediations, adjudications, arbitrations and appearance in court both at County Court and the Technology and Construction Court and giving oral evidence under cross examination.

Recent expert cases include:

- Complex claim in respect of Grade I listed building design. Instructed on behalf of the owner.
- Negligence claim against architect regarding the design of a mixed-use development. Several adjudications. Instructed on behalf of the developer.
- Substantial fee claim by architect against developer.
- Negligence claim against architect in respect of multiple failures of duty, residential development, Brighton.
- Negligence claim against architect in respect of defective design of specialist housing. Instructed on behalf of the developer.
- Complex residential claim in L.B. Barnet. Architect's negligence. Judgement in favour of the claimant on whose behalf I was instructed.
<https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/TCC/2019/454.pdf>
- High end residential claim in Kensington. Instructed on behalf of private owner claimant. Architect's negligence. Claim c.£1.2M. Adjudication hearing. Settled in adjudication in favour of claimant.
- High End residential claim in Eaton Square in the matter of a building failure. Instructed on behalf of private client owner. Settled in Mediation.
- Residential development claim in Oxfordshire. Instructed on behalf of Architect. Claim c.£1.5M. Alleged architect's negligence. Settled in mediation.
- High end claim in Jersey. Private client. Private pool house. Instructed on behalf of Architect. Settled. Architect's negligence. Settled in negotiation.
- Private basement swimming pool failure central London.
- High end hotel in Mayfair. Stone specification faults. Claim c.£1M. Architect's negligence. Settled by negotiation. Instructed on behalf of Architect.
- High end hotel in Kensington. Specification and construction failures. Claim c. £2M. Settled following adjudication hearing.
- Various High End houses in Chelsea - construction failures. Claims c.£500k. All settled in negotiation.
- Private house (West Country) internal design claim decided at adjudication.
- Complex major building failure: new build, high end private house in Cotswolds. Settled in negotiation.
- Architect's substantial fee claim and subsequent client negligence claim settled in negotiation.
- Claim against architect acting as CA in commercial development London.
- Claim against architect in respect of large newbuild private house'
- Major cladding failure claims including:
 - Cladding failure at commercial development, Manchester.
 - Fire stopping, cladding, ducting and service routes complex failure claim. Residential development. S.E. London.
 - Timber framed building failure. University residential accommodation.

- Defective cladding design and specifications, residential development, West of England.
- Defective cladding and other safety issues student accommodation.
- Defective cladding design and specifications, residential development, South Wales.
- Defective cladding design and specifications, residential developments East of England.
- Advising Commercial Core participant at Public Enquiry on architects' duties in relation to major cladding failures.
- Defective cladding design and specifications, residential development Cambridge.
- Major building failures including cladding system at residential development south-east England (110 dwellings).
- Major building failures including cladding system and failed timber frames at substantial mixed use development in London suburbs.

I have designed new buildings and also refurbishments and extensions of important listed buildings in central London and southern England as well as work to historic landscapes and gardens at major rural estates in Cornwall and Kent. I have been responsible for new build and refurbishment work overseas in Belgium, France, Italy, Spain the US and Canada.

A residential commission for which I am responsible Oceanic House Pall Mall London was the winner of the UK Property Award 2018/2019 for multiple residencies. My Listed office building refurbishment in St James's won the UK Property Award 2019/2020 for Best Office Architecture London.

I am currently responsible for major refurbishment works to buildings in Kensington and Chelsea London. I am the partner in charge of a rolling refurbishment programme for a major central London estate. The tallest residential building I have designed is 27 stories, in East London.

My clients include private individuals, private family offices, private estates, developers, contractors, commercial owner occupiers, investors, insurers and other financial organisations.

Training qualifications and accreditation as an expert witness

I have attended external training and update courses in the expert witness field including:

What every Architect should know	James R Knowles
Coping with the Construction Act	IBC UK
RIBA adjudicator training	IBA South East Region
Adjudication: 6 months' on	Association of Consultant Architects
Construction Law Masterclass	IBC UK
Ceramic Tiles	Pilkington
Bullet proofing planning applications	IBC UK
The RIBA Appointment Documents	RIBA
The APS Annual Convention	Association of Planning Supervisors
Lord Woolf's reforms for experts	Thomas Sands Training
Expert Witness Seminar	Thomas Sands Training
Risk Management	Association of Consultant Architects
Technology & the Working Environment	Herman Miller
The APS Annual Convention	Association of Planning Supervisors
CPR Jackson Reforms	Sir (as he then was) Rupert Jackson

I am a member of the Academy of Experts. I am a checked witness under the former Sweet & Maxwell vetting procedure for listing in the Expert Witness Directory. I follow developments in the expert witness world as promulgated by the Academy and by reading selected judgments.