



Matt Cousins

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- Architect expert witness
- Forensic architect
- Building defects
- Professional negligence

Overview

Matt Cousins is a Chartered Architect, Forensic Architect and Expert Witness. Matt has almost two decades of experience working for architecture practices in London on a diverse range of complex projects, including schools, commercial projects, hotels and government buildings. Matt has strong technical expertise and has worked in a number of leading roles on award winning projects.

Matt's experience includes working on a number of secure mental health units in the UK. In 2009, Matt wrote a Mental Health Design Guide on mental health hospitals in Northern Ireland for NHS Estates and the architect John Cole.

Education

Diploma in Law, City University – 2007

Interdisciplinary Design in the Built Environment, University of Cambridge, (MST) – 2005

Part 111 in Architecture, Westminster University, Merit – 2002

Diploma in Architecture, University College London – 2000

BA (Hons), 2:1, Liverpool University – 1997

Experience

Matt has worked as an architect on a number of complex projects, including schools, commercial projects, hotels and government buildings in the United Kingdom. His experience also covers construction projects in the Middle East, China and the United States.

Matt has strong technical expertise, working on site and through all stages of the construction process. He has wide ranging experience in practice management, contract administration and has also acted as a technical assessor.

Matt has been instructed on a number of cases for Sense Studio, including the investigation of building defects, professional negligence, production of advice notes, reports and the analysis of buildings.

Matt trained as an architect at University College London and in 2006 he was awarded a Masters at the University of Cambridge. In 2007, he completed the Diploma in Law at City University.

Matt was the Principal Design Services Commissioner at Essex County Council overseeing the design and construction of 60 school projects including primary, secondary and special schools. Matt has also worked recently as a Design Manager for Keepmoat contractors on a mixed-use residential tower in East Croydon and as an Associate Architect at Foster + Partners.

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Professional memberships

Matt is a Chartered Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and is registered with the Architect's Registration Board (ARB).

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