



Sam Thompson

DipArchBSc (Arch) (Hons)
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- Over 28 years' experience
- Architect Expert Witness
- Contract Administration
- Professional Negligence
- CDM Principal Designer Expert
- Brief Development
- Project Management/Coordination
- Disability Injury Special Interest

Overview

Sam is an established Architect and Expert Witness with over 28 years of experience working in UK and abroad. Since opening his own practice in 2000, he has designed and managed a wide of projects including high-end residential, large scale industrial, community, charity and faith-based projects. Sam has been instructed on matters related to the adequacy of design information, project/claim management, professional negligence, assessment of design fees, accessibility adaptations and workmanship quality issues.

Sam has developed particular interests in project management, universal accessibility, training professionals regarding the CDM regulations and facilitating dispute resolution using mediation and adjudication methods.

Education

Masters in Legal Science from Queens University, Belfast, QUB.

Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Architectural Studies (RIBA Part II),

Scott Sutherland School of Architecture at Robert Gordon's University, Abdn.

BSc Hons. in Architectural Studies (RIBA Part I), Robert Gordon's University, Abdn.

NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Safety, Belfast Met College.

Master Class Diploma in the NEC, New Engineering Contract, University of Ulster, UU

RSUA Diploma in Project Management, QUB

Diploma in Universal Accessibility, UU

RSUA Diploma in Construction Adjudication, UU

TEC Diploma in Architectural Studies, Distinction, Northern College of Technology.

Experience

A widely qualified and skilled Chartered Architect with more than 28 years design project and construction management experience in the UK and internationally.

A creative and resourceful individual, who has managed multi-million pound projects, through all stages of the RIBA plan of work covering a wide range of building types. Within the last 10 years the specialist area of working as an expert witness/assessor and assisting clients with claim disputes is a growing field of expertise. Sam has trained with the 'Academy of Experts' in writing expert reports and presenting in court. Sam has the technical knowledge and experience to deal with disputes and approach professional differences of opinion with understanding - whilst maintaining professional integrity, impartiality and independence.

Sam's skills in contract administration and project coordination have been acknowledged, in particular by charity sector clients, contractors and other professionals to have actively contributed to dispute avoidance on active projects. This led Sam to acquire formal skills in construction law and technical expert witness experience; this is the area within which Sam now practices.

Sam has acted as technical advisor on several mediations and adjudication cases. He has been appointed as expert in relation to construction quality and workmanship disputes.

Special Interests regarding accessibility accommodation adaptations:

Sam is able to complete accommodation reports on a wide range of injury types, including - amputation; autism spectrum disorder; birth injury; developmental delay; brain injury; cauda equina; cerebral palsy; chronic pain; incontinence; oncology;

orthopaedic; spinal injury; strokes; visual impairment; sensory loss; accommodation, amputee, wheelchair use, learning difficulties, visual impairment.

Positions held:

Member of RSUA Council.

Member of NIBRAC – (NI Building Regulations Advisory Committee)

Advisor to Dublin City University improving the built environment for students with accessibility needs.

RIBA – CPD Panel

APS – Council member

Trustee of various Charitable Boards.

Professional memberships

Member of Architects' Registration Council, ARB

Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, RIBA

Member of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects, RSUA

Member of the Association for Project Safety, MaPS,

Member of the Association of Project Managers, APM.

Sam has written and delivered best practice CDM training courses, in association with APS and UU, for the range of construction professional delivering the role of principal designer. He is also actively involved in various charitable organisations, advising on development programme strategies.

Publications

Editorial Board of CIRIA Report 166, 'Designers and their Health and Safety Responsibilities'.

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