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Background

Bhavina is an ARB-registered Chartered Architect with more than 10 years of experience in the construction industry as a designer and project manager. She has an MSc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution from King's College London.

She is a visiting lecturer, tutor, and examiner at the Architectural Association and the University of Westminster on the Architecture Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Practice (RIBA Part III).

Bhavina has experience within a broad range of sectors, including hospitality, residential and commercial, elderly living, urban master planning, and domestic. She continues to practice as an architect to ensure she is at the forefront of best practice.

Bhavina specialises in the forensic analysis of design and construction defects and related contractual obligations. Bhavina has been appointed on various disputes providing reports and expert advice in the fields of architecture and construction, including construction defects, fire safety defects, professional negligence, design copyright issues, and BIM modelling. She has a broad knowledge of UK and international design standards and compliance. She is experienced in design management and project management and has completed technical reviews of drawings and reports for quality and optimisation of design. She contributes to complex disputes and undertakes technical advisory reports in construction insurance-related matters and provides advice and contract troubleshooting.

Bhavina has also been instructed in disability accommodation matters support personal injury-litigated cases in court.

Education and Certifications

- **Construction Law & Dispute Resolution, MSc:** King's College London (2020)
- **Architecture, GPDip (RIBA Part III):** University of Westminster (2017)
- **Architecture, MArch (RIBA Part II):** University of Sheffield (2015)
- **Architecture, BArch (RIBA Part I):** University of Dundee (2012)

Professional Memberships

- **Regitered Architect** (ARB)
- **Chartered Member:** Royal Institute of British Architects (MRIBA)
- **Member:** Society of Construction Law (MSCL)

Geographies

- **UK and Europe**
- **Asia**

Sectors

- **Buildings** (including residential, commercial, industrial, leisure, healthcare, and educational)

Expert Witness Experience

Mixed-Use Commercial Development – Residential Development, Cambridge, UK
Appointed to provide expert advisory services to consider whether various construction and design defects were grounds for a valid extension of time claims. Defects included M&E services, design coordination services, and structural steel sub-contractor designer (Claimant).

Mixed Use Commercial Development – Campus, Birmingham, UK
Appointed as part of a multi-disciplinary team providing expert advisory services in relation to reviewing contractual obligations concerning a scientific campus in Birmingham (Defendant).

Student Accommodation, Reading, UK
Appointed to provide an advisory summary report in relation to cladding and fire safety issues at high-rise student housing. Reviewed cladding, insulation, and cavity barriers for compliance with regulatory standards and good practice (Claimant).

5-Star Hotel Development, Lancashire, UK
Appointed as part of a team providing Expert advisory technical services in relation to numerous design defects, including failure to appropriately design external cladding systems, and meet the acoustic and thermal performance specification (Defendant).

High-Rise Residential Building, United Kingdom
Appointed to provide expert advisory services for a Professional Negligence claim in relation to compliance with both building regulations and EWS1 requirements of cladding system and insulation at high-rise residential building (Claimant).

Residential Development, London, UK
Appointed as part of a team providing expert advisory technical services for an insurance claim in relation to substantial damage following a storm event (Claimant).

Project Experience

Buildings

Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Development, London, UK
Appointed as part of a design team providing design services. Specialising in BIM and project delivery to BIM Level 2 and the integration and management of multi-disciplinary consultant and specialist trades.

Hospitality and Residential Building, London, UK
Acted as Project Architect for the residential package for The Peninsula Hotel & Residences in Hyde Park Corner, London. New build hotel and residential building with top-down construction. Construction management contract.

Residential Buildings, United Kingdom
Acted as Project Architect, technical lead, and contract administrator for new-build domestic projects. Construction management and traditional contract.

Residential Building, United Kingdom
Acted as Project Architect and technical lead for new-build extra-care (elderly living) residences. Design and Build contract.

Urban Master Planning, United Kingdom
Acted as Project Architect for RIBA Stage 1-3 design competition delivery for Epson and Winchester Urban Master planning competitions.

Architectural Practice, London, UK
Acted as Project Architect to produce technical reports for HMRC Research and Development claim for SME mid-sized architecture practice to claim relief on specialist R&D undertaken through BIM, specialist material development, and innovation in extra-care design standards.

Insurance

Buildings

Hotel, China
Appointed to provide Contractor's All Risk (CAR) damage assessment in relation to numerous claims at a luxury hotel. Reviewed water ingress, design negligence, and damage assessment (Insurance client).

High-Rise Residential Building, United Kingdom
Appointed to provide Latent Defects Insurance Liability Reports in relation to water ingress and cladding at luxury residential apartment block. Reviewed cladding, insulation, cavity barrier, balconies, and window installations for compliance with regulatory standards and good practice (Insurance client).

Personal Injury

Sample Instructions

Expert Accommodation Report
Assisted Expert Accommodation work for a young woman with a serious head injury following medical negligence, with both mobility and cognitive difficulties, requiring both an adapted home and adaptations to her family home (Claimant).

Expert Accommodation Report
Assisted Expert Accommodation work for a young man with a serious head injury following a road traffic accident, with significant mobility and cognitive difficulties, requiring significant adaptations to his family home (Defendant).

Expert Accommodation Report
Assisted Expert Accommodation work for a child with serious cerebral palsy following medical negligence requiring a wheelchair-accessible home for himself, his family, and a team of carers (Claimant).

Professional Experience

- **Rimkus (Formerly Capital Consulting International, CCi)** **2023 – Present**
  - Associate Director – Architectural (2025-Present)
  - Senior Consultant (2023-2024)

- **Hopkins Architects** **2015 – 2023**
  - Project Architect

- **AHMM Architects** **2012 – 2013**