

BEN BURTON (LLB, PGDipSurv)

Profile

Ben joined Idapt LLP in 2011 and brought a new dimension to the team. Ben previously worked as a claims handler for DAS Legal Expenses. He has developed a sound understanding of the insurance market and the efficient management of claims.

Ben qualified as a solicitor in 2009 with a well respected City law firm. He has a good understanding of the legal claims process and in particular the requirements of Part 35 CPR in relation to expert witness reports. Ben is still on the roll of solicitors but does not currently hold a practising certificate.

Ben has also completed his Post Graduate Diploma in Surveying at University College of Estate Management. Ben has worked on a variety of schemes during his time with Idapt LLP. Ben has a particular expertise in the design of accessible environments for clients with mobility or other needs. Ben assists clients with both the design and project management of their schemes.

EXPERIENCE

Partner, Idapt LLP, Bristol - 2011- Present

A partner with Idapt LLP with a particular focus on developing the industry leading Idapt Planner 3D. Idapt Planner 3D is an online 3D visualisation tool for assessing space and making recommendations when carrying out specialist disabled adaptations. Ben has been at the forefront of project managing the new version of Idapt Planner 3D. This project development roles has meant that Ben has built up a considerable knowledge about specialist products that are available in the disabled adaptations sector and a good working relationship with other industry professionals.

Ben utilises his legal experience by assisting the firm's growing expert witness accommodation report practice. The reports prepared incorporate designs quickly created in Idapt Planner 3D allowing the demonstration to clients of possible design options and costings. Ben acts as the main contact point for expert witness accommodation reports and will actively manage cases to ensure they are completed within the required deadlines.

Ben also has developed a specialism in the design and project management of disabled and elderly adaptations. Key instructions during this period have included large law

firms for major catastrophic injury adaptations and law firms for schemes arising as a result of legal claims. Ben has extensive knowledge in this sector and is regularly asked to provide seminars to a variety of professionals.

Solicitor, Macfarlanes LLP, London – 2007-2011

Experience in corporate finance, litigation and corporate tax. Qualified as a solicitor working on commercial real estate transactions with a specialist focus on development and mainstream investment working representing both institutional investment funds and developers.

Senior Claim Handler, DAS Legal Expenses, Bristol – 2006-2007

Consideration and review of claims for legal expenses associated with personal injury matters. Specialisms included the review of complex clinical negligence and other serious personal injury matters.

EDUCATION

College of Estate Management (University of Reading)
Post Graduate Diploma in Surveying

Bristol Institute of Legal Practice
Legal Practice Course

University of Leeds
Law (LLB)

CONFERENCES, VISITS AND EDUCATION EVENTS

- Invited to join a health trade delegation to Boston and New York City, USA as part of a UK Government initiative. This involved meeting with senior practitioners, clinicians and academics in the adaptations and disability fields.
- Invited to speak at the Universal Design Summit 5 held in St. Louis, Missouri. This was an event for leaders in the accessible design field to discuss developments and new ideas. Ben was asked to provide several presentations and lead workshop sessions.
- Invited to deliver conference presentation at the University of Salford Manchester in relation to 'Using Computer Aided Design in Home Adaptation Work' at the Salford Occupational Therapy Conference.

- Instrumental in providing expert advice in relation to accessibility as part of the University of Coventry's occupational therapy and built environment courses.