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Arbitration - defending an architectural practice in arbitration proceedings alleging negligence in the design of an airport terminal

building in the Channel Islands and associated works. The claim amounted to approximately £15 million. The proceedings were settled with no damages being paid by the insured architect and a recovery of a significant contribution towards the architect’s costs.

Adjudication - acting in connection with a complex and potentially sensitive case involving a contractual adjudication for a very large NHS Trust against a project company on a PFI contract. The claim related to ventilation rates and air pressure differentials on hospital wards housing high risk immuno-

suppressed patients. The Adjudicator was a retired TCC judge, whose findings were resoundingly in our client’s favour.

Mediation - defending a project monitoring surveyor in relation to a £2.5m claim by a commercial bank concerning a substantial 29-house development. It was alleged that the project monitor provided negligent advice in respect of the development’s planning position, which the bank relied on in making the loans. This claim was successfully resolved at mediation.

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Development - advising on the refurbishment of Westminster City Hall, a high profile and logistically challenging development. The 19 storey 1960s building plays an important role in the public life of Westminster. Once finished, City Hall will be an energy and cost efficient civic space with high quality office space available to let.

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