



I began my career in Civil Engineering in 1969. I transferred to Building Surveying in 1972 working on both occasions for private practices.

I set up my own practice, William Martin & Partners, in 1979 working on residential, industrial, commercial and educational projects. Whilst acting as Managing Partner, I assisted in expanding the practice which at one point had over 40 professional staff. In 2010 the practice transferred from a Partnership to a Limited Company. I left William Martin in the spring of 2015 and set up GSS Property Consultants Ltd.

I obtained a BSc in Building Surveying at the Polytechnic of the South Bank. I am a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Building.

I have had extensive experience in appraising buildings of all types throughout the UK for accessibility and the needs of people with disabilities and special needs. Buildings include residential, commercial, industrial and education properties. I have been responsible for the design and implementation of schemes to modify and adapt buildings to accommodate the specific requirements of people with physical and sensory disabilities, particularly in the residential sector.

I have spoken at in-house seminars at the offices of Insurers, Claimant and Defendant Law Firms and at a number of venues hosted by MASS, SIA and TICCS.

I have been retained post claim to develop schemes through to completion working closely with claimants and their families.

In the last 15 years I have predominantly acted as Expert Witness specialising in the preparation of Accommodation Reports associated with Personal Injury and Medical Negligence claims for both claimants and defendants. I frequently act as a single joint expert in accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules. I worked for over 10 years with the Queen Elizabeth Foundation at both the Banstead Brain Injury Centre and Leatherhead Development Centre.

The number of reports written in the last 3 years is over 180 and the number of Court appearances in the last 3 years is 4. I have also attended numerous case conferences.

Overall, I average in the region of 60 cases per annum. Recent proportions are in the region of 60% defendant, 35% claimant and 5% joint.

In addition to Expert Witness, I also act on 1-2 projects a year as Designer/Contract Administrator for adaptations, alterations etc to accommodate people with disabilities.