

# Professor Malcolm Hollis



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Malcolm Hollis is active in private practice whilst maintaining his personal interest in research and education. He has been professor of building pathology at the University of Reading since 1988. He specialises in advising a wide range of government departments and public and private companies, including high street retailers and industrialists, upon their property interests as well as preparing forensic reports upon survey claims and dilapidation matters.

Specialisms include

- the identification and recording of defects in building construction, particularly the investigation and interpretation of cracking in buildings, leak tracing and remedy.
- the inspection and identification of risk of defects in the future of new and existing buildings
- the interpretation of the implication of the condition of existing buildings
- building dispute resolution either through ADR or expert evidence. (He first gave evidence in Court in 1971)
- the diagnosis of the cause of failure in existing buildings
- the interpretation of liability in respect of the responsibilities of the parties to a lease upon both landlord and tenant
- litigation in connection with the duty and responsibilities of professional representatives in the construction industry, and the advice given to allied bodies.
- The communication of inspection and interpretation skills to undergraduates, post graduates, professional bodies and interest groups.

He has given evidence in over 60 matters within Chancery, the High Court, Crown Courts, and in both civil and criminal actions in England, Scotland, Wales, Guernsey, Holland, and Belgium. He has inspected an eclectic collection of buildings, including cathedrals and royal palaces as well as a wide range of commercial and residential property. He is an experienced mediator and independent expert

## Professional experience

Malcolm Hollis has been a Chartered Surveyor for over 30 years. He has been a partner or director of professional surveying practices for more than 25 years. For three years he was the Director of Professional Services for Nationwide.

## Professional affiliations

- Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Fellow of the Association of Building Engineers
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Academy of Experts No 1632
- Member of the Royal Photographic Society

## University

Malcolm Hollis was appointed professor of Building Pathology at the University of Reading in 1988. He is, or has been, an external examiner to more than eight Universities and currently has responsibilities in the United Kingdom, Malaysia and Hong Kong. He has a part-time responsibility for Undergraduate and Masters courses at the University of Reading.

## Writing

He has written eight books. The amended 4<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Surveying Buildings' was published in 2003 and 'Pocket Surveying Buildings' 2002. "An Introduction to Dilapidations" was published in 2003 and 'Surveying for Dilapidations' is due for publication in 2004.

In the past 5 years Malcolm Hollis has had over 30 articles published in professional journals upon issues relating to surveying standards, defects in buildings, dilapidations and party walls disputes.

## Appointments

Malcolm Hollis was a member of the Building Surveyors Divisional Council, and is a member of two working parties within the RICS. He is a Freeman of the City of London (1983), a trustee of Upkeep, Upkeep Building Museum and BPL Settled Estates.

He is Surveyor to the Fabric to the Worshipful Company of Skinners

He is managing editor of the Journal of Building Appraisal and is on the editorial board of Structural Surveyor and The Journal of Building Surveying (Hong Kong)

## Clients

### Property Owners & Management Organisations

Regional & Area Health Authorities  
Manufacturing & Service Industries  
Local Authorities  
Government Agencies  
Restaurants  
Churches and a Cathedral

### Retail

International & European Retailers  
Major Pub & Restaurant Operators

### Sports & Leisure

Golf Clubs  
Health Clubs

### Housing

Local Authorities  
Housing Associations & Trusts  
Property Management Companies

### Education

Universities, Schools & Special Needs Educational Establishments

### Insurers

Property Insurers, professional Indemnity Insurers.

### Law

Solicitors and barristers

### Radio and Television

Prepared, presented and or contributed to a wide range of programmes that include:

#### Television

Panorama (BBC 1), Watchdog (BBC 1), Watchdog on Homes (BBC1), Kenyon Confronts (BBC) Home Service (ITV) That's Life (BBC 1 - 7 programmes), Hot Property (ITV), Advice Shop (BBC2), Streetwise (ITV), Hot Property (Channel 5 – three series), Builders from Hell (ITV-Granada), Dispatches (Channel 4), Raising the Roof (BBC2), All the Right Moves (BBC2), Newsnight (BBC2), For What its Worth (Channel 4) Performance at Royal Albert Hall (Joy to the World 1992, 1993, 1994) plus evening news and local news and current affairs programmes.

#### Radio

Woman's Hour (BBC Radio 4), Moneybox, (Radio 4 - seven times), Money Box Live (Radio 4 -four times), Jimmy Young (BBC Radio 2) Today (BBC Radio 4), Tuesday Call (BBC Radio 4), Face the Facts (BBC Radio 4, 3 times) You and Yours (over 27 broadcasts) (BBC Radio 4) Law in Action (BBC Radio 4). John Dunn (BBC Radio 2)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1. Professor of Building Surveying at the University of Reading, Department of Construction Management and Engineering (July 1989 - )
2. Fellow of the Department of Construction Management of the University of Reading (1986 - 1988).
3. Visiting lecturer to the College of Estate Management (1989 - )
4. Visiting lecturer to the South Bank University (1993 -)

#### External and Internal examiner: Undergraduate

- Course examination internal within University of Reading 1983-
- External Examiner, John Moores University Liverpool 1987-1991
- External Examiner, University of Northumbria 1989-1992
- External Examiner, Heriot-Watt University 1991-1995
- External Examiner, South Bank University 1996-2000
- External Examiner, University of Malaya Fakulti Alam Bina 1999-2002
- City University Hong Kong China 2000-2004
- External Examiner, University of Malaya Fakulti Alam Bina 2002-2005
- External Examiner University of Salford 2002 - 2005

#### External and Internal examiner: Masters

- External Examiner, Robert Gordon's University 1993 - 1996
- Examiner University of Reading Land Management MSc 1996 - present
- Examiner University of Reading Project Management MSc 1995 - present

#### External and Internal examiner: Doctorate

- PhD students within University of Reading 1993 -
- PhD student Robert Gordon's University 1996 - 1999

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Partner/Director Baxter Payne and Lepper	1980 - 1990
Divisional Manager NABS Surveying Services	1988 - 1991
Partner Malcolm Hollis	1990 - 1995

### Memberships of Committees, Working Parties, tribunals

1. Member RICS Divisional Council (Building Surveying) (1988-1992 and 1999-2001)  
Member of the Commercial Panel (committee of RICS) (1992 - 2001)  
Member of the Practice Committee on Dilapidations (RICS 1998 -2001)  
Member of Working Group on House Purchase Surveys (RICS/ISVA)  
Member of Valuation and Survey Committee (ISVA 1998-2000)  
Member working party to rewrite the Guidance note on Building Surveys (2000-2002)
2. Member of various RICS and ISVA committees (1972 -2003)
  - Working Party on Surveys and Valuations (1983-1984)
  - Valuation and Survey Committee (1984-1987)
  - Education and Membership (1987-1990) Chair (1987-1990)
  - Practice and Techniques (1991)
  - Marketing panel (1985-2001)
  - Practice and Guidance Notes for Structural Surveys (1987, 1994 and 2000-2003)
  - Guidance Notes on Condensation (1986)
  - Research; chair (1989-1990)
3. What House? Property of the Year, judge and panel chair, various categories 1991 to 2003 (ongoing)
4. Member of the RICS' South East Regional Policy Group
5. Member of the Divisional Council, Building Surveyors Division, RICS (1988 – 1992 and 1999-2001)
6. Chair Education Building Surveying Division 1989-1991.
7. Divisional Management Committee; Nationwide Anglia Building Society (Chair 1987-1990)
8. Chairman - Malcolm Hollis - Chartered Surveyors and Building Surveying Consultants (1991-1995)
9. Planning and Development Lambeth Council (1978-1980)
10. Economic Development Committee. Lambeth Council (1978-1980)
11. Professional Journals; member (1988-1990)
12. RICS Committee to select the Building Economy Award; (1984 &1985)

### TRUSTEE

Upkeep Building Museum and Educational Trust