

Katie Malik — Expert Witness CV

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Interior Design Expert Witness for Dispute Resolution

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Expert Summary

Katie Malik is an award-winning interior designer and the founder and Creative Director of Katie Malik Design Studio, a luxury residential interior design practice established in 2014. Her professional practice encompasses bespoke residential interiors, interior architecture, space planning, design development, technical detailing, furniture, fittings and equipment (FF&E), finishes, decorative lighting, bespoke joinery, supplier coordination and project-delivery support.

Katie provides independent, evidence-led professional opinion on interior-design matters in dispute. Subject to the exact instruction, her work can include documentary review, site observations, written opinions and reports concerning agreed interior design scopes, drawings, schedules, specifications, furnishings, finishes, bespoke interior elements, procurement information, project records and the relationship between agreed design information and delivery.

Her role is to assist with an objective understanding of the interior-design issues. She does not act as an advocate, provide legal advice or give opinions outside her own training, knowledge and experience.

Credentials & Professional Standing

- **RICS Expert Witness Certificate:** September 2026; completion subject to successful assessment.
 - **Registered Interior Designer** — Society of British & International Interior Design (SBID)
 - **Registered Interior Designer** — British Institute of Interior Design (BIID)
 - **Diploma in Interior Design (NVQ Level 3)** — National Design Academy, Northampton, 2013–2014
 - **Interior Design Diploma** — Chelsea College of Art, University of the Arts London, 2012
 - **Interior Design Diploma (Level 1)** — Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge, 2011
 - **PhD in Law (Criminalistics)** — Faculty of Law & Administration, Institute of Criminal Law, Department of Criminalistics, University of Warsaw, 2010- 6 months of Doctoral research: *Evaluation of the reliability of eyewitness identification and voice parades*
 - **MPhil in Linguistics (Italian pathway)** — St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge, 2009–2010- Research and final dissertation in Forensic Phonetics
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Professional Practice

Founder & Creative Director — Katie Malik Design Studio | 2014–present

Katie founded Katie Malik Design Studio to deliver high-end, tailored residential interiors for private clients. The practice's relevant work includes interior design, interior architecture, spatial planning, design development, technical detailing, interior documentation, FF&E, specification of products and finishes, bespoke interior elements, supplier coordination and project delivery.

Prior to establishing her studio, Katie worked in high-end London interior design studios.

Areas of Expertise

Residential Interior Design · Interior Architecture · Space Planning · Design Briefs and Deliverables · Drawings, Schedules and Specifications · Furniture, Fittings & Equipment (FF&E) · Finishes and Decorative Lighting · Bespoke Joinery and Interior Elements · Supplier and Procurement Documentation · Project Correspondence and Variations · Professional Interior-Design Practice

Dispute-Resolution Instruction Scope

Katie accepts appropriate instructions relating to the interior elements of residential projects, subject to a conflict check and confirmation that the issues are within her personal expertise. Depending on the agreed scope, she may consider:

- the agreed design brief, scope of work and interior design deliverables;
- drawings, schedules, specifications, product selections and approved changes;
- FF&E, finishes, lighting, window treatments, bespoke joinery and other relevant interior elements;
- quotations, orders, invoices, supplier information, delivery records and project correspondence;
- site observations and the relationship between the relevant documentation and the interior work or items delivered; and
- the limitations of the evidence and any need for a separate specialist opinion.

Katie does not offer legal advice or determine legal liability. Structural, electrical, plumbing, gas, drainage, building-control, fire-safety, surveying, quantity-surveying and other specialist questions are outside this profile unless separately confirmed in writing as within her competence and scope.

Professional Recognition & Contribution

Katie has received seven UK Property Awards and has been recognised as a finalist by Grand Designs Live UK, the SBID Awards, BIID Awards, Design et al

Awards and the Dezeen Awards. Her work has also received multiple Best of Houzz, LUXlife and Luxuria Lifestyle awards.

Projects by Katie Malik Design Studio have appeared in *Architectural Digest*, *Grand Designs UK*, *House & Garden South Africa*, *Casa Vogue Brazil*, *25 Beautiful Homes* and *Ideal Home UK*.

Katie's further professional contributions include:

- **Designer and trainer**, delivering bespoke training for more than 100 interior designers in India (Office Banau), 2025;
- **Mentor**, supporting provisional associates of the BIID, 2025–present; and
- **Founder**, *Interior Design Deconstructed*, providing coaching, mentoring and business training for interior designers.

Earlier teaching experience includes roles at University College London, the University of Greenwich and Kaplan International.

Expert-Witness Approach

Each proposed instruction is assessed for conflicts, suitability, capacity and scope before it is accepted. The work is defined in writing and may include document review, site inspection, independent written opinion or report, answers to properly framed questions, expert meetings and attendance at a hearing where appropriate.

Any opinion is independent of the instructing party and will address relevant information that supports or detracts from that party's position. Fees are agreed in advance and are never conditional on the outcome of a negotiation, mediation, dispute or proceedings.

Additional Information

Languages: Native Polish · Fluent English · Advanced Italian

Availability: Appropriate residential interior-design dispute-resolution instructions, subject to scope, conflict check and written engagement terms.

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