A HOME IS NOT A HOUSE

An architect fails to record client instructions, confusing residential ambiance with institutional requirements, and shoddy workmanship goes unobserved by the engineer.

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FALSE START

Work on a small office building, starts before a permit has been issued. A gross error is discovered in the drawings, so the building is redesigned, but the desired design is not possible. The modified design is built, but it contains further flaws, so the owner sues the architect.

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TENNIS ANYONE?

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FROZEN ASSETS

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LOSS CONTROL THROUGH CLAIMS EXPERIENCE

On a difficult site, an architect exceeds the limits of his expertise and fails in his duty to the owner as “inspector of work,” assuming liability for incorrect work.

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