

PRO-DEMNITY'S 2026 OAA CONFERENCE MATERIALS

Pro-Demnity is proud to support the architectural profession as we collectively explore ***Collaboration Powering Innovation*** at the 2026 OAA Conference in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. We are pleased to be a lead sponsor again this year.

The resources provided by Pro-Demnity at this year's conference offer valuable insights and tools to empower architects and their firms in their wise, efficient and effective management of risk.

PRESENTATIONS

Over the years, coverage for water ingress claims has been expanded by Pro-Demnity to include Window Wall Systems, Pre-cast Concrete Panel Systems and Insulated Metal Panel Systems.

SL08: *Design with Confidence: Understanding Pro-Demnity's Technical Requirements Schedule* and the ***Technical Requirements Checklist***

Presenter: John Hackett, OAA (Ret), Executive Advisor alongside contributors David Kayll and Howard Tuchman

Presentation Description:

Each year, architects face claims of design-related water ingress. But is the design (and the architect) to be blamed? This session demystifies Pro-Demnity's Technical Requirements Schedule and helps architects gain a better understanding of how to design precast concrete and window wall systems (and more!) in a manner that ensures coverage for claims related to water ingress.

CE18: *Design Decisions on Trial: Lessons from Real Claims*

Presenters: Leslie Parker, Senior Architect, Phil Ghosh, Managing Counsel

Presentation Description:

Architects face a wide range of professional liability claims—some predictable, others surprising. This session explores actual claims case studies to uncover the design decisions, documentation practices, and collaboration dynamics that led to disputes. Through interactive discussion and peer-led analysis, participants will examine what went wrong, what could have been done differently, and how to apply these insights to their own practice. The session will highlight how collaboration with consultants, clients, and insurers can mitigate risk and strengthen professional resilience.

KEY RESOURCES

- **Technical Requirements Schedule** – updated in April 2026 to include Insulated Metal Panel Systems
- **Take the Architectural Risk Management Assessment Review (ARM/r)** for a quick way to potentially identify gaps in your risk management systems. [Check your ARM/r now!](#)
- **Best-in-class Professional Liability Insurance:** Learn more about the [refreshed Professional Liability Insurance Policy](#) and supporting [FAQs](#).
- **Dispute-resolution clauses:** Learn more about [Mandatory Arbitration](#) and understand how these contract clauses undermine your defense.
- ***Risks of Expedited Housing Design and Construction***. This article from the 2024 OAA Conference was a hit with architects. We're sharing it again as it offers relevant insights that are just as valid today. Authored by: Leslie Parker, Senior Architect and Iliana Arapis, VP Client Experience.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To download any of the following resources, click on the ellipses embedded with the resource shown and select "Download PDF File".