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## CURRICULUM VITAE

**David Finlay** B Arch (Hons), Dip Arch, RIBA

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Position in Firm: Director  
Profession: Architect  
Year Joined Firm 2007

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### Professional Qualifications/Affiliations:

B Arch (Hons) 1\* Class Degree in Architecture  
Diploma in Architecture

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### Professional achievements and relevant experience:

David joined Acanthus Clews Architects in 2007 becoming a Company Director in 2008. Since joining ACA, David has taken the lead role on a series of challenging projects across all sectors of the office. These include the urban regeneration of a significant site in the heart of Atherstone to provide both new and converted mixed-use accommodation and proposals for the refurbishment and extension of the Grade II\* Listed Draper's Hall in Coventry City Centre. David is currently developing proposals for a new major mixed-use community centre building for St John the Baptist's Church, Burford as well as overseeing the implementation of a strategic masterplan in phases for Swalcliffe Park School.

David has excellent experience of managing projects during construction and has recently overseen the works onsite for the complete refurbishment and reordering of the Wardens Lodgings at Merton College, Oxford, a new Reception Building at King's School Bruton, and a new monastery for the religious community formerly of Burford Priory.

On completion of his Diploma, David joined the team at David Chipperfield Architects in London. During his time with DCA, his focus was on the design development of international competition winning schemes such as the new BBC Scotland Headquarters building in Glasgow, the Des Moines Public Library in Iowa and the new Barcelona Law Courts.

Before joining Acanthus Clews Architects, David worked with Rick Mather Architects. During his 4 years with this signature London Practice David was the Project Architect for the new Towner Art Gallery; a £9 million, award winning public arts and education facility in Eastbourne. Other key projects included a new girls Boarding House at Stowe School, strategic masterplanning for St Claire's College, Oxford and a competition winning entry for the Lincoln Performing Arts Building.

David has worked on a number of high profile projects nationally, his portfolio of work underpins the Practice ethos of developing innovative, considered solutions that respond to sensitive and difficult sites whilst striving for design excellence.

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### Principal Projects with Acanthus Clews Architects:

Community	Urban Regeneration	Phoenix Yard, Atherstone
Community	New Monastery	Mucknell Abbey, Worcestershire
Community	New Community Centre Building	St John the Baptist Church, Burford
Education	New Reception Building	King's School, Bruton
Education	Wardens Lodgings Refurbishment	Merton College, Oxford
Education	New Boarding Accommodation	Swalcliffe Park School
Conservation	Re-ordering and Extension	St Thomas's, Goring on Thames
Conservation	Re-use and Major New Development	Draper's Hall, Coventry