

# **BIM and the law – the legal obstacles to BIM adoption**

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## **SUMMARY**

BIM is the hot topic in construction and the governments of developed nations are seeking to improve the rates of adoption amongst the construction industry stakeholders. This paper examines the legal challenges and concerns expressed to the use of the multi-access platform for collaboration and adduces primary evidence to investigate whether the anxieties expressed are real or imagined. In the United Kingdom a recent launch has seen the Construction Industry Council BIM Protocol introduced to the industry. The reception to the protocol has been mixed with some viewing this as an over-simplification of the problems and others unsure whether it covers the areas of contention. Obtaining views and experiences of using BIM and the legal challenges raised will seek to test these notions and draw some conclusions on where efforts need to be concentrated to encourage the take up of BIM.