

# 6 CRITICAL RISKS FACING DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

## 1 CONTRACT LANGUAGE

Poorly written contracts and ambiguous language expose firms to unintended risks.



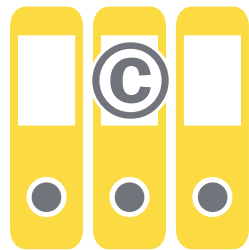
## 2 CLIENT SELECTION

Clients under financial duress may not pay on time and are more likely to sue.



## 3 DATA THEFT

Sensitive intellectual property related to project designs can be stolen by competitors or criminals looking to do damage.



## 4 CONSULTANTS

Sub-consultants who lack financial stability or an understanding of project expectations can negatively impact a job.



## 5 PROJECT OUTSIDE EXPERTISE

Taking on a project where the firm has limited experience or expertise can increase overall project risk.



## 6 SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

“Green” buildings require specialized expertise to achieve the desired environmental impact without increasing liability.

