SUMMARY

Consumer Protection

The Consumer Protection Act enables a client of an Architect to file a complaint if there is any deficiency in his service. However, the Architect has certain defence available to him, which, if he proves, can escape from liability. In such circumstances, it is the client who is responsible and not the architect.

Copyright

Copyright protection extends only to "works of architecture" and not the method or process of construction. The Act extends protection until 60 years after the author's life. The Copyright Act protects moral rights of an architect in the name of "author's special rights". The Copyright Act provides monetary remedies in case of infringement. However, injunction to restrain the construction of such building or structure or to order its demolition cannot be provided.