EMERGING RISKS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

1. CONTRACT LANGUAGE
   Poorly written contracts and ambiguous language can expose firms to unintended risks.

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

3. CONSULTANTS
   Without proper screening for financial stability or an understanding of project expectations, sub-consultants can negatively impact a job.

4. SUSTAINABLE DESIGN
   'Green' buildings require specialized expertise in order to achieve the desired environmental impact without increasing liability.

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

6. DATA THEFT
   Sensitive intellectual property related to building designs, especially public projects such as bridges, can be stolen by criminals looking to wreak havoc.