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Highly Qualified Designer, Accessibility Consultant and Project Manager

PROFILE

A problem solver with comprehensive ADA, design and project management experience. A strong leader able to effectively manage and motivate teams within pressured environments. Proven ability in mediations, contract negotiation, client interaction, budgeting and construction documents peer reviews. Highly experienced in leveraging technical expertise in AutoCAD, photoshop and SketchUP. Certified in California as Access Specialist #109.

CORE COMPETENCIES

CASp- ADA and ACCESSIBILITY CONSULTATIONS
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN and 3D
PROJECT MANAGEMENT
PLANNING /IMPLEMENTATION/ ENTITLEMENT
BUDGETING AND SCHEDULING
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND SHOP DRAWINGS
PUBLIC SPEAKING

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accessibility (ADA) :

One of the very few CASp certified designers (Certified Access Specialist) in the State of California, a prestigious complicated certification process that qualifies me as an accessibility specialist, traveling the State of California conducting accessibility surveys and offering ADA consultations, Over 350 CASp certified projects.

The Bentley:

Served as Architectural Designer/Project Manager for the first multi-story high-rise high-end prestigious boutique building to be permitted in the prestigious Nob Hill of San Francisco in 20n years. Created 3D presentation, construction documents preparation, client interaction, and bidding process negotiating. Duties also included engaging owners' lawyers, project managers and production of Bid (tender) documents with appointment of consultants and contractors.

Canyon Crossing: Brought in to bring this mega shopping center project on track. I controlled the modification and the constructability of the construction documents, the contractor firing and engaging the replacement; project managed the construction from A-Z including shop drawings control, RFI response, Local agencies, materials, and bank pay applications, budgeting and client interaction in addition to final walk-through.

H.R.H Princess Zein Bint Al Hussein Palace (Amman- Jordan):

End to End, Architect and Designer for this 18,000 Sq.Ft private palace in the exclusive area of the Royal Family compound in Amman Jordan, from concept drawing to final occupation, Site overall coordination and supervision, Project managed all aspects of construction to stay with challenging time schedule and within budget.

Accessibility (ADA) Public speaking and Seminars:

Conducted over 60 seminars regarding accessibility and it's governing laws in relationship to business owners and their obligations, Seminars where conducted on behalf of Cities (San Francisco, Concord) , Chamber of commerce and private entities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CASp INC. CAL ACCESSIBILITY –Principal – Jan. 2010–Current

DESIGNERS COLLECTIVE INC. – VP of Architecture – Jan. 2006–Dec.2009

SHATARA ARCHITECTURE –Project Manager/ Architectural Designer 2004–2006

FREE LANCE DESIGNER –Private Design work 1998–2004

MIHRAB ARCHITECTURE –Head of design Department–1995–1998

APPLIED DESIGN CONCEPTS- ADC –Architect–1991–1995

EDUCATION

Masters of Architecture and Planning, 1987

University Institute of Architecture of Venice (IUAV), Venice, Italy

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Associate Member AIA- East Bay Chapter- Oakland California

CASI- Certified Access Specialists Institute

Member, Jordanian Engineering Association- Architecture

Member Arab American Architects and Engineers Association

Member, Arab-American Contractors and Engineers
Member ICSC - International Council of Shopping Centers
Member MECSC – Middle East Council of Shopping Centers
C.E.R.T Certification – Certified Emergency Response Training

Partial List of Seminars or Workshops given:

- On behalf of HRI (2 seminars)
- On behalf of the City of San Francisco (6 seminars)
- On behalf of the San Francisco Chamber of commerce (2 workshops)
- On behalf of the Automotive Service Council (2 seminars)
- On behalf of the Mission Merchant Association
- On behalf of the Quality Care Health Association
- On behalf of 680 Commercial Idea Exchange
- On behalf of Transwestern Real Estate (2 workshops)
- On behalf of the California Lodging Association (3 seminars)
- On behalf of the San Francisco Community Business Resources
- On behalf of the Chinese Consolidated benevolent Association
- On behalf of the Richmond District Merchants
- On behalf of Hornberger + Worstell Architects
- On behalf of the Bar Association of San Francisco (3 seminars)
- On behalf of Commercial Real Estate Services
- On behalf of the San Pablo Initiative (8 workshops)
- On behalf of the CCIM
- On behalf of Down Town Martinez Association (4 workshops)
- On behalf of the Office of Economic Development – Human Services Agency

Partial List of Law Firms represented in ADA actions (Defense or Plaintiff cases)

- Law Office of Irene Karbelashvili
- LIVINGSTON LAW FIRM
- Law Office of Jason G. Gong
- Sarrail, Castillo & Hall, LLP
- Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley PC
- Ilona Brusil - Attorney at Law
- Galina Blank – Attorney at Law
- Ronald B. Reiss - Attorney at Law
- Law Offices of Nick V. Avtonomoff
- Law Office of Joong Y. Im
- FRANZ LAW