

Highlights

New School of Architecture, San Diego, CA – Adjunct Instructor (1993 - 2004)

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, San Diego, CA – Instructor (1991 - 1993)

Platt College, San Diego, CA – Instructor (1986 - 1988)

Completed seven San Diego Unified School District ALBA (Alternative Learning for Behavior and Attitude) Program Facilities

Completed \$1.2M San Diego County Treasurer/ Tax Collectors Offices renovation in the Historic San Diego County Administration Building

Administered and implemented County of San Diego's multi-million dollar ADA transition plan

Pro-Bono – Designed and assisted in the construction of several Habitat for Humanity housing projects

Expertise

Architecture

Reconstruction/Restoration

Tenant Improvement

Construction Project Consulting, General

Project Monitoring & Funds Control

Property Condition Assessments

Building Envelope/Enclosure

Quality Assurance/Quality Control

Balcony (EEE) Inspections

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BIOGRAPHY

Licensed Architect since 1987, long-time member in good standing of the American Institute of Architects, and very active in local chapter leadership. In private practice for twenty seven years as Principal of Aedifice Ideas > Architecture (now Ideas, Inc.) in San Diego & Los Angeles.

Kirk began his career after graduating from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree in 1983, focusing primarily on Institutional/ Educational and Commercial projects, and Multi- and Single-Family Residential work. With an interest in architectural history, also worked part time as adjunct professor at both the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising and The New School of Architecture in San Diego, California.

Principal architect, designing most every building type and tenant improvement, producing construction documents for hundreds of projects. Managed own firms' projects and consulted with other architectural firms and construction companies to assure adherence to design intent, facilitate construction phase continuity, provide quality assurance, budget and scheduling management.

Substantial experience as a professional Building Envelope Consultant providing Quality Control and Assurance services for developers, builders, owners, insurance and lending institutions. Architectural Forensic Expert, defending clients, construction and architectural firms and professionals, experienced in depositions and testifying in courts of law. Quality Control and Peer Review Consultant for Contractors and Architects. Experience in monitoring construction progress and detailing in the field to avoid potential building envelope failures, future defects and litigation.

With a great deal of disaster response experience gained in the 2003 and 2007 San Diego County Wildfires crafting the subsequent recovery programs provided by the San Diego chapter in the following years, selected to participate in the re-writing of the American Institute of Architects California Council Disaster Response Manual, was then appointed for a three-year term on the AIA National Disaster Assistance Committee, which was in the process of developing a national response program for local and regional components of the AIA.

Trained and Certified in the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) "Safety Assessment Program" as a Disaster Services Worker/ Building Safety Evaluator. Deployed by the State of California to El Centro in 2010 after the Easter Earthquake to assess building and other facility damage.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Bachelor of Architecture, Architecture, University of Idaho 1982

LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

Registered Architect, State of CA
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Certificate

SPECIAL TRAINING

CalEMA Emergency Response Training

ASSOCIATIONS

American Institute of Architects San Diego

- Chapter President – 2008
- Government Advocacy Committee – Appointed Member

American Institute of Architects Los Angeles – Current Member

AIA National Disaster Assistance Committee – Appointed Member

International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants (IIBEC) - Member

San Diego City Council Land Use and Housing Subcommittee “Technical Advisory Committee” – Appointed Member/Chairman

City of San Diego Land Development Code Monitoring Team – Appointed Member

Mayor’s Naval Training Center Citizen’s Implementation Advisory Committee – Appointed Member

City of San Diego North Bay Redevelopment Project Area Committee – Appointed Member

Peninsula Community Planning Board – Chair Peninsula Community Planning Board Project Review Committee – Chair