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James Rappoport, AIA – NCARB Professional Architect - Expert Profile: (Updated January,2024)

James Rappoport is Principal – Architect of Record at Daroff Design Inc. + DDI Architects PC, a full-service Urban Design, Planning, Architectural & Interior Design practice founded in 1973. The firm specializes in ground-up, renovation, and historic adaptive reuse projects for workplace/office facilities, hotels, resorts, retail and shopping facilities, restaurants, residential, meeting, conference and training facilities, aviation terminals, gaming, and entertainment projects throughout the USA and Internationally.

With 55+ years of experience, Mr. Rappoport has successfully provided technical consultation, expert witness opinions, affidavits, certificates of merit, depositions, mediation & arbitration presentations, testimony, and pre-trial support in more than 600 legal cases, engaged by both defendants' and plaintiffs' legal teams. **Each of these cases settled prior to trial, subsequent to Mr. Rappoport's investigations, reports, opinions and depositions testimony.** Mr. Rappoport is the author of several professional textbooks and trade journal articles, has been awarded multiple copy rights, and is an active member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the US Green Building Council (USGBC), the International Code Council (ICC), and the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA). He is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

Areas of Expertise

Architecture	Real Estate Lending Practices – Development Financing
Architectural Building Codes / Design & Standards	Office Building Design & Planning
Architectural Design	Owner – Architect Agreements
Architectural Practice	Owner – Contractor Agreements
ADA – Accessibility Accessible Routes	Professional Liability (Architecture & Design)
ADA - Accessibility Design & Compliance	Premises Safety and Liability
ADAAG 2010 Alleged Violations & Tester Complaints	Planning & Zoning Disputes
Building Codes & Ordinances	Restaurant Accessibility Planning
Construction & Architectural Design	Restaurant Feasibility Studies, Budgets & Design
Construction Claims	Shopping Center Development & Accessibility
Construction Disputes	Slip – Trip - Fall Accident Personal Injury (Causes)
Facility Programming & Feasibility Studies	Site Assessment & Development
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) Specifications	Site Development & Project Budget Disputes
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Failures/Warranties	Standard of Care (Architecture & Design)
Hotel & Resort Design, Planning & Construction	Urban Design, Development & Planning
Interior Design, Planning & Fit-out Construction	Zoning Presentations, Applications, Reviews and Appeals

Education:

Bachelor of Architecture, Cornell University, 1964
M. Sc. Architecture & Urban Design, Columbia University, 1966
Post Graduate Studies in Urban Economics, NYU, 1967-1969
First Licensed to Practice Architecture in New York State, 1969
American Institute of Architects – Continuing Education - Ongoing

Professional Licenses and Registrations: (NCARB Certified)

Arizona	Georgia	Louisiana	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania	US Virgin Islands
California	Hawaii	Maryland	New Jersey	South Carolina	West Virginia
Colorado	Illinois	Massachusetts	New York	Tennessee	Wisconsin
Connecticut	Indiana	Mississippi	North Carolina	Texas	
Delaware	Kansas	Missouri	North Dakota	Virginia	
Florida	Kentucky	Nevada	Ohio	Washington DC	

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