

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Professional Experience

- 1991 - present Partner, *Sabo & Zahn, Attorneys at Law*. Both partners of the firm are licensed architects and attorneys. General practice of law, concentrating in construction law. Representing architects, owners, contractors, developers, engineers and others associated with the construction process. Representing architects= professional liability insurance carriers in the defense of claims against architects. The firm is engaged in litigation, arbitration, mediation and negotiation on behalf of numerous architectural firms in the Midwest. Particular emphasis is placed on contract negotiation and dispute avoidance.
- 1979- 1991 Director of Specifications, *Holabird & Root*, Chicago, Illinois. Responsible for technical and legal matters, ongoing quality control during the course of projects, and in-house seminars designed to inform and educate the staff in all architectural matters. Participated in hundreds of project exceeding one and one half billion dollars in 1980's and 1990's.
- 1977 - 1979 Specifier, *Skidmore, Owings & Merrill*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1973 - 1977 Specifier/Project Architect, *Schmidt, Garden & Ericson*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1971 - 1973 Project Architect, *Ralph Stoetzel, Inc.*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1970 - 1971 Project Schedule Analyst, *Austin Company*, Des Plaines, Illinois.
- 1966 - 1970 Project Architect, *Busche & Markson, Inc.*, Mount Prospect, Illinois.

## **Education**

*Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, June 10, 1990, Juris Doctor*

*University of Illinois, September 1967, Bachelor of Architecture.*

*American Arbitration Association Mediation Training, 1995*

*University of Wisconsin - Extension, November 1979, Construction Contracts and Specifications.*

*University of Chicago, Architectural Hardware Institute, Chicago, Illinois, June 1982*

*Built-up Roofing Systems Institute, Denver, Colorado, April 1981*

*Single-ply Roofing Seminar, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 1985*

## **Professional**

Admitted to Illinois Bar, November, 1990.

Admitted to Federal Bar, December, 1990.

Licensed Architect, Illinois, August, 1971.

Registered Interior Designer, Illinois, 1992.

NCARB Certified, February, 1985

## **Professional Affiliations**

*American Bar Association, 1990-1999*

*Illinois State Bar Association, 1990-1999*

*Chicago Bar Association, 1990 to present*

*American Institute of Architects*

- ! Elevated to Fellow, June, 2000.
- ! Member, AIA National Documents Committee.
- ! Past Chairman, AIA Illinois Documents Coordinating Committee: assisted AIA National with 1997 revisions to major construction industry

documents.

- ! Chairman, AIA Illinois Council Registration and Education Task Force, 1983-1986, Committee drafted in the revisions to the Illinois Architecture Act supported by AIA, ISA, SARA and the Illinois State Legislature

*Illinois Council, AIA*, member and past president, 1992

*Chicago Chapter AIA*, member since 1972, past delegate to Illinois Council, AIA

*Illinois Architects and Engineers Council*, Past Vice Chairman/Treasurer and Secretary

*Society of American Registered Architects*, 1996 to 1998

*Illinois Council American Registered Architects*, past Director

*Construction Specifications Institute, Chicago Chapter*, current Director, past Secretary

*Architects Club of Chicago*, past Vice-President

*Illinois Society of Architects*

*Construction Industry Affairs Committee*, 1997 - 1999, past CSI Committee Chair

*Association of Licensed Architects*, Founding member and current Director

- ! Elevated to Fellow, February, 2001

### **Lectures & Seminar Presentations**

University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois. Visiting lecturer every semester since 1991. Lecture to 5th and 6th year graduate architecture students in the professional practice classes taught by Professor Walter Lewis, FAIA, and Professor Michael McCulley, AIA. Topics include AIA documents, professional responsibility of architects, standard of care required of architects, duties of architects under AIA contracts, responsibilities to clients, and related topics.

Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana. Past lecturer to architecture students in the professional practice class. Topics included the family of contract documents associated with the practice of architecture and the construction process.

Purdue University, Indiana. Lectures concentrated on the practice of architecture and practices of the construction industry.

Various local AIA Chapters. Topics include the legal aspects of the practice of architecture and AIA contract documents associated with that practice. Conducted round table discussions concerning the preparation of the 1997 versions of AIA Documents A201 and B141. Participated in Chicago Chapter AIA Professional Development Day Conference. Presented all day seminars for the CCAIA on A201 and B141 at the last two Professional Conferences.

Society of American Registered Architects. Conducted an open legal forum addressing legal concerns raised by the audience in attendance. Conducted seminars on the 1997 versions of the AIA Documents A201 and B141. Conducted a seminar in January, 1999 on the "rules" as they affect the Illinois Architect Practice Act of 1989.

AIA Conventions. Speaker at the Documents Forum at the 1998 convention in San Francisco, California. Speaker at Education Day Workshop at the 1999 convention in Dallas, Texas. Speaker at two presentations, one being a half day workshop, at the 2000 AIA Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

AIA Iowa. Presenter of an all day documents seminar. Topics included A201 and B141.

AIA Cincinnati - Presented legal seminar to Members of AIA Cincinnati. Topics included B141-1997 in April, 2000.

## **Articles**

FOCUS- *AIA Chicago Monthly Publication.* Drafted various articles addressing concerns of the profession.

ICARA- *Society of American Registered Architects.* Drafted various articles addressing concerns of the profession.

AIA News- *AIA Illinois Quarterly Publication.* Drafted various articles addressing the concerns of the profession and reporting on progress of various committees concerning document revision and legal matters.

The Construction Specifier- *CSI National Monthly Publication.* Various articles addressing legal concerns for Sabo & Zahn's monthly legal column which reaches 28,000 architects and specification writers.

Licensed Architect Magazine - *ALA Quarterly Publication.* Legal Editor for the magazine. Various articles addressing legal concerns for my monthly legal column which reaches 6,500 licensed Illinois Architects.