

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Professional Experience

- 1981 - present Partner, *Sabo & Zahn* (previously known as *Law Office of Werner Sabo*). Both partners of firm are licensed architects and attorneys. The firm concentrates in construction law. Representing owners, contractors, architects, developers, engineers and others associated with the construction process. Litigation, arbitration, contract negotiation and related activities. General consultation about construction matters.
- 1978 - 1981 Partner, *The Architects Partnership, Ltd.*, 410 S. Michigan, Chicago. Firm size: approx. 20 persons. Performing architectural work, primarily commercial and renovation. Responsible for numerous projects, including construction documents and site observations. Extensive dealings with contractors and owners. Worked on the technical aspects of construction projects. Clients included corporations such as The First National Bank of Chicago as well as developers and others.
- 1976 - 1978 Architect, *The First National Bank of Chicago*. Responsible for planning, design and construction of work for the Bank and its tenants, comprising some 4,000,000 square feet. Reviewed construction documents prepared by outside consultants and coordinated the work of many contractors. Interacted with architects and contractors, approved and reviewed their work, oversaw the technical aspects of construction activities. Acted as "owner".
- 1972 - 1976 Architect, *North Architectonics*, Chicago and Dallas. 120 person firm dealing with major regional shopping centers in the range of \$50 M to \$100 M (1970's dollars). Projects included Northbrook Court, Northbrook, Illinois, and other centers for Homart Development.
- 1968 - 1972 Draftsman, *Perkins & Will*, Chicago. 400 person firm, one of the major architectural firms in the world. Projects included the Standard Oil Building, several schools, hospitals, and other major projects. Included field work, approval of construction, shop drawings, etc.

## **Education**

*Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law.*

Graduated January, 1981, JD with high honors, upper 10%.

*University of Illinois, Chicago, 1969 - 1972. College of Architecture.*

*Northwestern University, Evanston. Graduated 1968, BA, Liberal Arts.*

## **Professional**

Admitted to Illinois Bar, May, 1981

Licensed Architect, Illinois, 1975

Member, Federal Trial Bar, Northern District of Illinois.

Member, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

## **Professional Affiliations**

*American Bar Association, member*

*Illinois State Bar Association, member*

*Chicago Bar Association, member*

*American Institute of Architects*

- Elected to College of Fellows, 1997
- AIA Illinois Documents Coordinating Committee.
- National Documents Committee: Resource Member, 1993-present

*Illinois Council, AIA, member*

*Chicago Chapter AIA:*

- Director
- Vice President (1988-1990)
- Various committees

*Illinois Society of Architects, member*

*Association of Licensed Architects, member*

*Construction Specifications Institute:*

- President of Chicago Chapter, 1995-1996
- Director of Chicago Chapter, 1993-1999
- Chairman, Bylaws Committee, 1993-1999
- Publications Committee, 1993-1999
- Nominating committee, 1995-1996
- Awards Chair, 1996-1999

*North Central Region CSI: Chairman, Bylaws Committee, 1994-1998*

*American Arbitration Association:*

- Panel arbitrator (have arbitrated numerous construction cases, ranging in size to several million dollars).
- Panel mediator.

## **Publications**

- Author, A Legal Guide to AIA Documents, published January, 1988. Revised volume, April 1989. A comprehensive analysis of major AIA construction documents, winner of two CSI awards.
- Author, Legal Guide to AIA Documents, 4th Edition, published by Aspen Publishers, 1998. Supplemented annually. Prior edition published by John Wiley.
- Author, A Handbook of Construction Claims, 1989. Handbook analyzing construction claims and change orders based on the 1987 version of the AIA construction documents.
- Author and publisher of AE LawNews, 1984 - 1990. A newsletter for architects and engineers.
- Several articles for the AIA Focus, a monthly magazine for the Chicago Chapter AIA - a number of these articles were republished by various local AIA chapters.
- Legal articles for The Specifier, a national publication for construction professionals by the Construction Specifications Institute.
- Articles for the Change Order, the monthly publication of the Chicago Chapter, CSI
- Coauthor, Alternative Clauses to Standard Construction Contracts, Disk Library, published in 1993 by John Wiley. This work consists of computer discs for architects to be used in revising and expanding on the AIA contract language.

## **Lectures**

University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois. Past and current visiting lecturer to 5th and 6th year graduate architecture students in the professional practice class taught by Professor Walter Lewis, FAIA, Professor Michael McCulley and Professor Michael Andrejasich. Topics included AIA documents, professional responsibility of architects, standard of care required of architects and contractors, preparation of drawings, review of shop drawings and specifications, duties of architects under AIA contracts, responsibilities to clients, and related topics.

Notre Dame University, Indiana. Lectures to architecture students relating to AIA documents, professional responsibility of architects, standard of care required of architects and contractors, preparation of drawings, review of shop drawings and specifications, duties of architects under AIA contracts, responsibilities to clients, and related topics.

Andrews University, Michigan. Lectures to visiting architecture students relating to AIA

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Triton College, Illinois. Lectures to pre-architecture students and future contractors, relating to construction law and construction issues.

Purdue University, Hammond, Indiana. Lectures to students preparing to be contractors or construction managers. Topics included the construction process, duties of the parties to construction, standards of care, professional ethics and similar topics.

Construction Specifications Institute. Several lectures to professionals, including architects, specifications writers, contractors and product representatives, regarding AIA documents, standards of care, duties to clients, and related topics.

American Institute of Architects. (Chicago, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Northeast Illinois, Iowa chapters). Numerous lectures presented to architects regarding AIA documents, standards of care by architects, engineers and contractors, duties to clients, responsibilities of architects under AIA contracts, and related topics.

Illinois Society of Architects. Several lectures to architects regarding AIA documents, standards of care in the construction industry, duties to clients, responsibilities of architects under AIA contracts, and related topics.

Structural Engineers Association of Illinois. Lectures to engineers regarding AIA contracts, standards of care of design professionals in the construction industry, liability of engineers, duties to clients and other consultants and the like.

Society of Architectural Administrators. Lectures to architectural administrators, school board officials and others administering construction contracts related to duties under the AIA documents.

National Business Institute. Lectures to owners, including school board officials, municipalities and others involved in construction issues.

Professional Education Systems, Inc. Lecture to contractors, owners and designers related to the AIA documents.

Chicago Bar Association. Participant in seminar on construction arbitration.