

Litigation Consultant/Expert Witness



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QUALIFICATIONS

Architect and Contractor with in-depth understanding of buildings—how they are architecturally conceived and technically constructed.

Over thirty years of experience as a design-build company (*Rohosky and Associates*), focusing on a wide variety of projects: residential, commercial, seismic retrofits, major renovations, restorations, condominiums, and custom homes. Completed hundreds of building inspections for a broad range of clients, including building owners, buyers, sellers and attorneys.

EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES

Complete construction litigation support and expert witness services for residential and commercial buildings.

Areas of Expertise: Forensic reconstruction of design and construction failures, including code compliance, life safety aspects, trips, slips and falls, handrail and stairway design, construction documents and contract administration, architectural and/or construction standards of care.

Litigation experience: Defective architectural plans and construction assemblies, injury involving such life safety elements as stairs, guardrails and handrails.

Services: Construction litigation consulting; court appearance, testimony and detailed site investigations; remedial cost estimates; detailed reports; depositions and declarations (MSJ); construction scenario reconstruction; damage assessment due to fire, flood, wind, or earthquake; visual presentation; models and videos. Construction documents and contract administration services for any remedial work upon request.

LITIGATION CONSULTING / EXPERT WITNESS (select clients)

Drexel Bradshaw, Attorney

This case included site inspection, written report, corrective architectural drawings, and permitting assistance for an incorrectly built deck (initially, no building permit was obtained). Required deposition and courtroom testimony. Court found in favor of my clients for all costs.

The Dolan Law Firm

For the last several years provided expert services in slip/fall cases involving building codes (current and historical) for approximately six attorneys for that firm. Usually involves crafting a Declaration for MSJ. Attorneys: Bryan Lamb, Andrew Kiimenko, Francis Shedaheh, George Ellard, and Loren Schwartz among others.

Chris Cole, Attorney

Case I: Code research, deposition, and courtroom testimony involving a fall through a “snow hatch” in a deck, in a time-share condo in Tahoe, CA. Duty of property owners was to maintain property in a safe manner. Improvements to the property were added without permits, and without complying with the safety requirements of the Building Code. Testified in court. Case settled in favor of attorney’s clients.

Case II: Conducted extensive research and evaluation of development costs and planning code requirements for a proposed project. Testified in court. Case involved an intra-family dispute that is ongoing.

Ryan Kent, Attorney

This case involved a fall down an exterior stair at a suburban bank. The bank claimed their stair was “monumental,” and therefore didn’t need to comply with building codes (specifically handrails). Helped defeat summary motion strategy of opposing side, even though opposing side was quoting a 1963 Code section that did not require handrails on a “monumental” stair. Through extreme historical sleuthing I proved: 1) Stair was in fact not monumental; and 2) Safety upgrades were required, in that a graspable handrail should have been installed initially, or later as a required safety retrofit. Case settled.

George Wolff, Attorney; Dan Winters, Attorney

Contractor was removed from a project without being paid for work performed. Conducted extensive cost analysis, and provided a detailed report and expert testimony (deposition). Helped defend my client and bring case to a successful conclusion. Entailed court testimony.

Neil Turner, Attorney; Scampini, Mortara, and Harris, Attorneys

An employee of a dental office fell from a ladder used to access a storage area. Case settled in favor of my client.

John Anderson, Attorney

Involved a trip, slip and fall case at a shopping center. I researched ADA code issues for this personal injury case that settled favorably for the client.

Kay Rayhill, Attorney

Inspection and investigations to develop report and provide detailed repair drawings and specifications, cost estimates, and scope of work for corrective work and construction administration in dispute between two neighbors regarding adjoining leaking walls and roofs [property line dispute]. This analysis and report were instrumental in persuading uncooperative Contractor to perform according to agreed-upon court settlement.

Caesar Belli & John Hill, Attorneys

Responsible for researching the Building Code to prove San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA) was negligent in maintaining and upgrading building. Case focused on inadequate guardrails. Judgment won.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member, American Institute of Architects (AIA), Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), Forensic Expert Witness Association (FEWA),.

EDUCATION, AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS

B.S. in Architecture, Catholic University 1967, Graduate Studies in City Planning 1968, Ford Foundation Grant 1968, Continuing Studies through: American Institute of Architects (AIA), Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), and National Association of Remodeling Industries (NARI). NARI Awards for residential design and construction (interior and exterior).

- Project published in Taunton Press book *At Work, At Home* (2001)
- Technical Reviewer for the Carey brothers' *Home Remodeling for Dummies* (1998)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Architect C-7096 California 1972
Contractor B-402418 California 1981

REFERENCES

Drexel Bradshaw, Attorney	(415) 433-4800
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