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James Rappoport, AIA – NCARB Professional Architect - Expert Profile: (Updated July 1, 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 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 have settled based on Mr. Rappoport’s investigations, reports, and opinions, prior to trial.** 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
- Architectural Building Codes / Design & Standards
- Architectural Design
- Architectural Practice
- ADA – Accessibility Accessible Routes
- ADA - Accessibility Design & Compliance
- ADAAG 2010 Alleged Violations & “Tester” Complaints
- Building Codes & Ordinances
- Construction & Architectural Design
- Construction Claims
- Construction Disputes
- Facility Programming & Feasibility Studies
- Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) Specifications
- Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Failures/Warranties
- Hotel & Resort Design, Planning & Construction
- Interior Design, Planning & Fit-out Construction
- Real Estate Lending Practices – Development Financing
- Office Building Design & Planning
- Owner – Architect Agreements
- Owner – Contractor Agreements
- Professional Liability (Architecture & Design)
- Premises Safety and Liability
- Planning & Zoning Disputes
- Restaurant Accessibility Planning
- Restaurant Feasibility Studies, Budgets & Design
- Shopping Center Development & Accessibility
- Slip – Trip - Fall Accident Personal Injury (Causes)
- Site Assessment & Development
- Site Development & Project Budget Disputes
- Standard of Care (Architecture & Design)
- Urban Design, Development & Planning
- 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	