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Brief Profile

Architect, principal and founder of The Connell Group, LLC, a focused consulting firm serving clients nationwide with expertise in building and component failure, the building envelope and cladding--diagnostics and performance, water intrusion, roofing and waterproofing, windows, storefront and curtain wall, plaza decks, stucco, EIFS, tile, floor and stair safety, ADA accessibility, and construction contract administration. Services include failure analysis, building diagnostics, infrared, destructive and non-destructive testing, and evaluating, planning, design and detailing of repairs to buildings and their components.

Mr. Connell served as the building envelope consultant for the cladding, glazing, canopies, and roofing for the New Orleans Arena; he co-authored a book on Construction Defects, and has published numerous articles on construction defects, waterproofing, stucco, etc. He has lectured here and abroad, including before the ABA/TIPS, and at the NAHB Convention. He has been accepted as expert in Federal, State, and Municipal courts and in arbitrations in multiple states in the US.

Professional Registrations

Registered Architect in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas, and California (inactive)

Certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

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Educational Background

Master of Architecture, Tulane University
Bachelor of Architecture, Tulane University
Certificate in Construction Contract Administration, U.S. Naval CECOS
Certificate in Multi-Protection Design, Defense Civil Preparedness Agency
Certificate in Energy Redesign, Louisiana State University
Certificate in Passive Solar Design

Professional Experience

The Connell Group, LLC, Principal and founder; a focused architectural firm offering creative solutions in building design and construction, and consulting services related to building envelope performance and waterproofing, serving a diverse clientele nationwide. Established August 2002.

CCL Construction Consultants, Inc. (July 1987- July 2002), Vice President, Senior Architect

Lee R. Connell, Jr. & Associates, Architects, Inc. President (1975-1987)

Imre I. Hegedus & Associates, Inc., Associate Architect/Project Architect (1973-1975)

A. C. Ledner & Associates, Associate Architect/Project Architect (1972-1973)

United States Naval Civil Engineer Corps (1969-1972):

Northeast Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Acquisitions Department, (1969-1970).

Boston Naval Shipyard, Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, (1970-1971).

Naval Supply Center, Newport, Rhode Island, Staff Civil Engineer (1971-1972).

Current and Former Professional Affiliations

American Institute of Architects
Louisiana Architects Selection Board, Past Chairman
Board of Governors, Louisiana Architects Association
AIA Committee on Codes and Standards
International Code Council
Illuminating Engineering Society
Glass Association of North America
ASTM International Committee C24 Building Seals and Sealants

ASTM International Committee E06 Performance of Buildings
National Floor Safety Institute
NFPA National Fire Protection Association
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
American Concrete Institute
The Masonry Society
EIFS Industry Members Association
National Association of Homebuilders
NRCA National Roofing Contractors Association
Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry
American Architectural Manufacturers Association
Southern Building Code Congress, International
National Safety Council
Tau Sigma Delta, National Architecture Honorary Society

Speaker

Louisiana Coalition of Interior Designers, Metairie, LA, 2014, “Mold, Mildew, and Our Building Interiors”.

National Association of Homebuilders 2000 Convention, January 16, 2000, in Dallas, TX. Title: “Possibilities for Partnering”.

Institute for International Research, Bangkok, Thailand, and Hong Kong, December 1993. Title: "Quality Management for the Construction Industry,"

American Bar Association Tort and Insurance Practice Section, San Diego, 1997; Los Angeles, 1998, “Insurance Coverage for Defective Construction”.

Teaching Faculty

Boston Architectural Center, Architectural Design, 1970-1971.

Publications

Mold, Mildew, and Our Building Interiors, A Continuing Education Course for the Louisiana Coalition of Interior Designers, 2014.

Construction Defect Claims and Litigation (Wiley Law Publications, 1995).

Construction Defect Claims and Litigation, Cumulative Supplements (Aspen Law & Business)--1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002.

“Controlling Claim Costs Creatively; EIFS Claims”, Insurance Coverage for Defective Construction, American Bar Association, 1997.

"Scuppers Let Water In," Condo Management, November 1995.

“Maintenance Items vs. Construction Defect Issues”, How to Deal with Construction Defects, The Reconstruction Forum, Papers, Inc. 1996.

"Understanding the "Weather Envelope," Condo Management, July 1995.

"Construction Column, Maintenance Items vs. Construction Defect Issues," Condo Management, July 1995.

"Differentiating Problems From Defects," Condo Management, June 1995.

"Don't Forget the Planning," Condo Management, May 1995.

"The Risks of Reconstruction Facing HOAs," Condo Management, October 1994.
"Understanding Stucco," Condo Management, March 1994.

"A Pro-Active Response to Construction Defects," Condo Management, March 1993.

"Condo Management Spotlight Article," Condo Management, September 1992.

"Construction Defects: From Discovery to Repair," Condo Management, January 1992.

"Should the Roofer Fix the Leak?" Roofer Magazine, August 1989.

Expert Testimony, 2007 – 2020

<u>Subject, Attorney</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Testimony</u>
Jaspers Family Hotels v. Larry Snyder & Co. Heath M. Anderson, Esq. Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus PC	Branson, MO	Deposition
Vial v. Thornton, et al Darren M. Guillott, Esq. Abbott, Simses & Kuchler	Laurel, MS	Deposition
Nine Hundred, LLC v. United National Insurance Co., et al Lisa K. Tanet, Esq. Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith	New Orleans, LA	Deposition

J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Regional Visitor Center QDC Inc. v. Capital Glass Christopher R. Rutzen, Esq. Kracht & Frazier, L.L.P.	Baton Rouge, LA	Trial
Lamond Recreation Center Jair Lynch Consulting/Alpha Corporation, A Joint Venture v. Quinn Evans Architects, Inc. Michael A. Dymersky, Esq. Furey, Doolan & Abell, LLP	Washington, D.C.	Deposition
Margaret Seago v. Benedict's of Mandeville, Inc. et al. Gerald Melchiode, Esq. Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith	Mandeville, LA	Deposition
Perkins Rowe, Building N Scott E. Frazier, Esq., Kracht & Frazier, L.L.P.	Baton Rouge, LA	Arbitration
Shannon Jordan v. Thomas Hennington Mark Seamster, Esq. Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith	New Orleans, LA	Deposition
Holy Rosary Catholic Church v. Quality Design & Construction, Inc., et al Scott E. Frazier, Esq., Gerald J. Asay, Esq. Kracht & Frazier, L.L.P.	Baton Rouge, LA	Deposition
One River Place Condominium Assn.v. Axis Surplus Insurance Co., et al Sid Hardy, Esq. McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, Maxwell & McDaniel PC	Federal District Court, New Orleans, LA	Deposition, Trial
Perkins Rowe, Building G Solvation Services, Inc. v. EMJ Corp., et al Eric A. Kracht, Esq., Kracht & Frazier, L.L.P.	Baton Rouge, LA	Deposition

Southgate v. MAPP Construction, et al R. Gray Sexton, Esq., Thomas A. Balhoff, Esq.	Baton Rouge, LA	Deposition, Arbitration
Rohrbacker v. Heritage Plaza Howard Murphy, Esq. Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles	Jefferson Parish, LA	Deposition, Trial
Louisiana State Office of Printing & Forms John Allain Viator, Esq. Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LL	Baton Rouge, LA	Deposition
Mobile Press Register v. Capital Glass Ball, Ball, Mathews & Novak Chris G. Hume, III, Esq.	Mobile, AL	Deposition
The Village at Deer Creek HOA, Inc. v. Greater Midwest Builders, Ltd., et al John J. Gates, Esq. Baty, Holm & Numrich, P.C.	Kansas City, MO	Deposition
Barsto v. Gladstone Senior Apartments Lee Baty, Esq. Baty, Holm & Numrich, P.C.	Kansas City, MO	Deposition
Choctaw County Board of Education v. Hoar Construction Robert W. Heath, Esq. Porterfield, Harper, Mills & Motlow, P.A.	Butler, AL	Deposition
The Crescent at River Ranch Crescent Property Partners v. Greystar, et al Scott E. Frazier, Esq., Kracht & Frazier, L.L.P.	New Orleans, LA	Deposition
Carl E. Woodward v. Croft Metals, Inc. Nathan L. Schrantz, Esq. C. Michael Ellingburg, Esq. Daniel, Coker, Horton & Bell, P.A.	Federal District Court, Gulfport, MS	Trial
Summit at Sixteenth Condominium Association v Summit at 16th, LLC Schmitt Manz Swanson & Mulhern	Kansas City, MO	Deposition

Lobree v. Hobbs Construction, LLC W. Mark Edwards, Esq. Page Mannino Peresich and McDermott, PLLC	Biloxi, MS	Arbitration
Project Build A Future, Inc., et al vs. Block Builders, LLC, et al Scott E. Frazier, Esq., Kracht & Frazier, L.L.P.	Calcasieu Parish, LA	Judicial Hearing
Waller v. Long Keith Jackson, Esq. Riley & Jackson, P.C.	Jefferson County, AL	Deposition
Delta Fence, Inc. v. Echelon Construction Services, L.L.C. Marc L. Domres, Esq. Krebs, Farley & Pelleteri, P.L.L.C.	St. Tammany Parish, LA	Deposition, Trial
Romero, <i>et al</i> v. Carothers Construction, <i>et al</i> Michael W. Rutledge, Esq. Erika L. Mullenbach, Esq. Salley, Hite, Mercer & Resor, LLC	Baton Rouge, LA	Deposition
Allied Retail Concepts v. Vision Masonry, et al. John E. Bordeau, Esq. Sanders, Warren and Russell, LLP	Overland Park, KS	Deposition, Arbitration
Huff v. Markel Jeffery B. Struckhoff, Esq. Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith	Civil District Court, New Orleans, LA	Deposition
PRA SE Construction, L.P. v. Carleton Construction, Ltd., et al Scott Griffith, Esq. Griffith Davison & Shurtleff, P.C	Dallas, TX	Deposition
Joon, LLC dba Ajin USA, LLC v. Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. and Kahn South, Inc., et al Robert Heath, Esq. Porterfield Harper Mills Motlow & Ireland	Chambers County, AL	Deposition

Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development v. Acadian Properties Northshore, Patrick E. Moore, Esq. Daigle Fisse & Kessenich	22nd Judicial District Court, St. Tammany Parish, LA	Deposition
M&R Drywall, Inc. v. MAPP Construction, LLC, Southgate Towers, LLC, and R.W. Day And Associates, Inc.	19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA	Deposition, Arbitration, Trial
Petroplex International LLC, <i>et al</i> v. Parish of St. James, LA <i>et al</i> Ernest P. Gieger, Jr., Andrew A. Braun, Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, LLC	Federal District Court, Eastern District of LA Judge Jane Milazzo, New Orleans, LA	Deposition Hearing
Autrey Plaisance v. House of Blues Richard Duplantier, Esq. Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith	Civil District Court, New Orleans, LA	Deposition
425 Notre Dame, LLC v. Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co., Inc., and Grand Openings, Inc. Benjamin Grau, Esq. Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn L.L.P.	Federal District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, Section "J" New Orleans, LA	Deposition
Celebration Church v. Church Mutual Insurance Co. and United National Insurance Co. Lara J. Jensen Jensen Law, L.L.C	24th Judicial District Court, Jefferson Parish, LA, Div. "K"	Deposition
Ochsner Clinic Foundation vs. Lexington Insurance Company, et al. Andrew J. Sloniewsky, Esq. Steptoe & Johnson LLP Washington, DC	Federal District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, Section "J" New Orleans, LA	Deposition

<p>A&A Mechanical , LLC v. JC Patin Group, LLC and the Hanover Company Sidney J. Hardy, Esq. McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch, LLC</p>	<p>Civil District Court, New Orleans, LA Div. H-12</p>	<p>Deposition</p>
<p>Ronald and Kathleen Leo v. JELD-WEN, Inc. Scott E. Frazier, Esq., Kracht & Frazier, L.L.P.</p>	<p>Federal District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, BR, LA</p>	<p>Deposition, Trial</p>
<p>Dunwoodie A. McDuffie, Jr. and Cheryl McDuffie v. Hillstone Restaurant Group, Inc., The Travelers Indemnity Company of America and Carmen Carillo</p>	<p>Federal District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, Judge Eldon Fallon</p>	<p>Deposition, Trial</p>
<p>Kiva Lodge Condominium Owners' Assoc., v. Water Management Consultants & Testing, Inc., et al. Jarrod J. White, Esq., Cabaniss, Johnston, Gardner Dumas & O'Neal, LLP</p>	<p>Baldwin County, AL</p>	<p>Deposition, Arbitration</p>
<p>Minor Alumni Assoc. v Cunningham+ Assocs. Architects; Lee B. Brumitt, Attorney Dysart Taylor Cotter McMonigle & Montemore, P.C.</p>	<p>Rolla, MO</p>	<p>Deposition</p>
<p>Patriot Contracting, LLC v. Star Insurance Co., <i>et al</i>; Shields Mott L.L.P. NO. 2:15-CV-06634</p>	<p>Federal District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana,</p>	<p>Deposition, Trial</p>
<p>AEJ Properties v. Stuart & Co., General Contractors LLC <i>et al</i>. Attorney Richard E. King & Jennifer Simmons, Melchiodi Marks & King, New Orleans, LA</p>	<p>18th Judicial Dist. Court Pointe Coupee Parish, LA</p>	<p>Arbitration</p>
<p>Corrie Andrews <i>et al</i> v. Tuf-Tite, Inc. <i>et al</i> Williams and Assocs.; Birmingham, AL</p>	<p>Circuit Court of Lee County, AL</p>	<p>Deposition</p>
<p>Kenneth J. Phipps and KJP Investors, LLC vs. Western Heritage Insurance Co., <i>et al</i>, Dale Clary and Melissa Pestalozzi, Long Law Firm, Baton Rouge, LA</p>	<p>31st Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson Davis, LA</p>	<p>Deposition</p>

Mary Derise v. Regions Bank, <i>et al</i> Mr. Matthew W. Bailey, Esq., Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, Baton Rouge, LA	16th Judicial District Court, Div. B, Iberia Parish, LA	Deposition
Jay 2 Investments, LLC v. Pride Construction, LLC; Lynn Patton Thompson, Attorney, Jackson, MS	AAA Case No. 01-19- 0001-1363	Arbitration
Dr. Mary Maitland Deland v. Bakers Insurance Company, et al, Lindsey M. Soboul, Attorney, Pipes, Miles, Beckman, LLC, 1100 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA	24th Judicial District Court, Div. J, Jefferson Parish, LA, Docket No. 774-127	Deposition
Heneghan v. Gambino's Bakers, <i>et al</i> ; Michael P. Schillage, Esq., Lloyd J. Tabary, II, Esq., Baton Rouge, LA	24th Judicial District Court, Div. E, Jefferson Parish, LA, Docket No. 783-678,	Deposition
Gretna Blvd. Investments LLC <i>et al</i> vs. Trisura Specialty Ins. Co.; Peter J. Segrist, Esq., Carver Darden, New Orleans, LA	USDC Eastern District 2:20-cv-01828	Deposition