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FCSI, Lifetime Member, AIA, CCS, CCCA, CDT, CSC, SCIP



PERSONAL: Date of Birth: July 22, 1961
 Place of Birth: Tucson, Pima County, Arizona
 Citizenship: United States of America
 Marital Status: Married with three children

EDUCATION: BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE - University of Arizona, Tucson - 1984
 DIPLOMA - Yuma High School, Yuma, Arizona - 1979

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

01/07 - Present Owner/Principal, RLG Technical Services, LLC
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 Owner of construction specifications and building code consulting firm.

- Develop, organize and coordinate the preparation of project manuals.
- Develop building code analyses and perform code plan reviews.
- Perform quality assurance reviews of construction documents.
- Expert services in the areas of building codes and architecture.
- Author of two article series titled "The Code Corner" and "Keynotes."

03/13 - Present Professor of Architecture, The School of Architecture Founded by Frank Lloyd Wright

10/09 - 03/13 Adjunct Faculty, The School of Architecture at Taliesin
 Instructor for graduate level courses on construction documents, building codes, and practice management.

- Construction Documents course content based on material covered by CSI's Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) certificate program.
- Building Codes course based on a 28-step process for applying the building code during design developed by Ron Geren.
- Practice Management course that prepares students on how to run an architectural practice including business development, contracts, project management and finances, and leadership.
- Building Construction Technology course that addresses building materials and construction methods from the foundation to the roof, from exterior wall assemblies to interior finishes, and building mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.

01/07 - 05/08 Faculty Associate, Arizona State University
 Instructor at the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture for graduate level course on construction documents.

- Course content based on material covered by CSI's Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) certificate program.

01/98 - 12/06 Senior Associate, Gould Evans Associates
 Construction specifier and quality assurance coach.

- Developed, organized and coordinated the preparation of project manuals.
- Conducted all in-house building code plan reviews.
- Coordinated plan review submissions with local building departments.
- Developed in-house Quality Assurance Program.
- Performed quality control reviews of construction documents.
- In-house consultant for all project teams in areas regarding building codes, constructability, material selection, and contracts.

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Specifications
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 Education



- 03/95 - 12/97** Project Manager, Arizona State University
Managed design and construction of new, renovation, and repair projects for the Facilities Planning and Construction Department.
- Prepared requests for proposals for architect/engineer firms.
 - Chaired A/E selection committees.
 - Coordinated activities of other University agencies.
 - Approval authority on pay applications and change orders.
 - Managed project budgets and schedules.
- 11/90 - 03/95** Chief, Design and Construction, State of Arizona, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)
Supervised seven-person section for Army National Guard Facilities Management Office (FMO).
- Managed in-house design of minor construction and repair projects.
 - Managed A/E design projects for major military construction and repair projects.
 - Evaluated A/E design work for compliance with state, federal, and National Guard Bureau criteria.
 - Conducted general contract administration.
 - Created and implemented a project filing system that reduced document search time.
- 08/89 - 10/90** Project Architect, Philip Graham Combs Architects
Responsible for the design and preparation of construction documents for commercial projects.
- Conducted site investigations and coordinated with city, county, and utility officials regarding plan review, zoning, and permits.
 - Prepared presentation drawings for various city architectural review boards.
 - Produced construction plans and cost estimates for bidding.
 - Coordinated design process between electrical, mechanical, structural, civil, and landscape consultants.
- 02/89 - 08/89** Building Plans Technician, State of Arizona, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)
Responsible for the design and preparation of in-house minor construction and repair projects.
- Established design requirements with facility users.
 - Conducted fieldwork and researched documents to establish and analyze existing building site conditions.
 - Prepared specifications, construction drawings, and cost estimate for bidding.
- 01/87 - 05/88** Associate Faculty Member, Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona
Taught introductory courses in construction and drafting.
- "Principles of Construction;" 4 credit hours; taught course for three semesters.
 - "Construction Drafting I;" 3 credit hours; taught course for one semester.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

- 11/88 - 10/07** U.S. Air Force Reserve
Multiple duties at various bases for civil engineer squadrons and Command & Control Staff Augmentation Team
- Deployed to Kuwait for 6-month duty on a design team to support U.S. Army Theater Engineer
 - Retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.
- 10/84 - 10/88** U.S. Air Force (Active Duty)
Responsible for design of base minor construction and repair projects. Coordinated design of major military construction projects for the base.

- REGISTRATIONS:** REGISTERED ARCHITECT – No. 24652, Arizona, since 1990
- CERTIFICATIONS:** Certified Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner - 2020
 Certified Building Plans Examiner – 2005
 Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) - 2003
 Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) - 2001
 Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) - 2001
- HONORS:** CSI Board Chair's Plaque for outstanding service to the Institute - 2020
 Lifetime Membership, CSI (for service as Board Chair) - 2018
 Fellow, CSI - 2013
 DHI Robert G. Ryan Memorial Award, 1st Place, Technical Articles, "Common Specifying Problems" - 2015
 CSI President's Plaque for outstanding service to the Institute - 2013
 CSI Communications Award for "Keynotes" Articles - 2011
 CSI Phoenix Chapter, Outstanding Professional Member - 2004, 2005, and 2010
 President's Commendation, AIA Arizona - 2004
 Meritorious Service Medal - 1995, 2004, and 2007
 Army Commendation Medal - 2006
 Air Force Reserve Outstanding Civil Engineering Officer - 1994
 Air Force Commendation Medal - 1986
 Eagle Scout – 1979
- PUBLICATIONS:** *Construction Specifications Practice Guide, Second Edition*, Construction Specifications Institute, 2021 (Lead Author)
Project Delivery Practice Guide, Third Edition, Construction Specifications Institute, 2020 (Co-author)
Applying the Building Code: Step-by-Step Guidance for Design and Building Professionals, Wiley and Sons, April 2016
 "Quality Assurance vs. Quality Control: What Difference Does It Make?" *Doors & Hardware*, February 2015
 "Common Specifying Problems" *Doors & Hardware*, February 2014
 "NFPA 285: Flame Propagation in Exterior Walls, 2012 International Building Codes" *Life Safety Digest*, Summer/Fall 2013
 "Specifying for Design-Build Projects" *Doors & Hardware*, April 2013
 "Gypsum Board Construction: 2012 International Building Code" *Life Safety Digest*, Winter 2012/2013
 "Specifying for Code Compliance" *Doors & Hardware*, February 2013
 "Construction Owners: Do You Know Who's Specifying Your Projects?" *The Voice*, Summer 2012
 "Communication During Construction" *Doors & Hardware*, July 2012
 "Travel Distance" *Doors & Hardware*, July 2012
 "Substitutions: Flexibility within Limits" *Doors & Hardware*, June 2012
 "Openings and Exterior Walls, Part 2" *Doors & Hardware*, January 2012
 "Openings, Part 1" *Doors & Hardware*, November 2011
 "Egress Width" *Doors & Hardware*, August 2011
 "Openings in Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction Part 1" *Life Safety Digest*, Spring 2011
 "Who's 'By Others'?" *Doors & Hardware*, June 2011
 "Where Have All the Specifiers Gone?" *The Construction Specifier*, June 2009
 "Contract Documents and the Building Code" *The Construction Specifier*, January 2008

- PRESENTATIONS:**
- “Misguided Guide Specs: Are Your Product Specs Really Helping the Specifier?” Webinar for Construction Specifications Canada, May 4, 2020
 - “Applying the Building Code: Step-by-Step Guidance for Architects” American Institute of Architects Conference 2019, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 5, 2019
 - “Applying the Building Code: Step-by-Step Guidance for Architects” American Institute of Architects Conference 2017, Orlando, Florida, April 26, 2017
 - “Construction Owners: Do You Know Who’s Specifying Your Projects?” Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) National Conference, Orlando, Florida, November 14, 2012
 - “Misguided Guide Specs: Are Your Product Specs Really Helping the Specifier?” CONSTRUCT 2012, Phoenix, Arizona, September 13, 2012
 - Keynote Speaker, “Applying the Building Code During Design: A Step-By-Step Process” Salt Lake City CSI Chapter’s Education Symposium, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 24, 2010
 - “Specifying for Code Compliance” CONSTRUCT 2009, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 18, 2009
 - “How Well Do You Know Your Building Code?” 51st Annual CSI Show and Convention, Baltimore, Maryland, June 22, 2007

- PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**
- Lifetime Member, Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
 - CSI Foundation Board of Trustees
 - Chair (FY22 – Present)
 - Member (FY19 – FY21)
 - Institute Board Chair (formerly “President”) (FY17 – FY18)
 - Institute President-Elect (FY16)
 - Institute Vice President (FY14 – FY15)
 - Institute Director, Southwest Region (FY12 – FY13)
 - Southwest Region President (FY11)
 - Southwest Region Vice President (FY10)
 - Phoenix Chapter Past-President (FY09)
 - Phoenix Chapter President (FY08)
 - Phoenix Chapter President-Elect (FY07)
 - Phoenix Chapter 1st Vice President (FY06)
 - Phoenix Chapter 2nd Vice President (FY05)
 - Member, Editorial Advisory Board for *The Construction Specifier* Magazine (FY10 – FY18)
 - Member, American Institute of Architects (AIA)
 - Contract Documents Committee (National) (CY21 – Present)
 - Codes and Standards Committee (National) (CY18 – CY21)
 - Chair, ICC Performance Code Subcommittee on Safety (2020)
 - MasterSpec® Architectural Review Committee (MARC)
 - Chair (CY12)
 - Vice Chair (CY11)
 - Member (CY08 – CY10)
 - Member, Specification Consultants in Independent Practice (SCIP)
 - Chair, Membership (FY20 – Present)
 - Member, Construction Specifications Canada
 - Member, International Code Council (ICC)
 - Member, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)