

Robson Forensic

Engineers, Architects, Scientists & Fire Investigators

RONALD P. BERTONE; FAIA, PP, FACHA, NCARB
Architect and Planner
Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Architects

More than 35 years experience, as a licensed architect, in design, preparation of construction documents, construction administration, and claims analysis regarding the construction of federal, state, municipal, and private projects for institutional, commercial, and residential clients.

Design & Planning: Building codes, standards, and other regulatory documents involved in the construction process; zoning; facility planning; programming and schematic design.

Construction Related Failures: Facility failures due to design or construction; water intrusion issues related to the building envelope; cracking and settling; damage to other structures or adjacent property; and material installation issues.

Time and Cost Claims: Claims or disputes resulting from changes in work schedule; changes in the scope of work; substitutions; delays caused by failures to respond to issues during the construction process; quality of work disputes; unforeseen conditions; design errors and omissions.

Construction Related Personal Injury: Injuries to workers or to the general public as a result of design or construction.

Professional Liability: Claims or litigation related to preparation of design and construction documents; responsiveness of parties during phases of the work; disputes arising out of errors or omissions; contract forms and other documents used as part of the construction process.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1997 to present	Robson Forensic, Inc. <i>Area Manager, Florida</i> <i>Director, Business Development</i> <i>Manager, Northeast Region Operation</i> <i>Associate</i>	2009-present 2008 2007-2008 1997-2006
	Provide technical investigations, analysis, reports, and testimony toward the resolution of construction failure analysis, litigation involving professional liability, contract disputes, construction material failures, claims involving errors and/or omissions, workmanship, and regulatory code violations.	
1997 to present	Fournier, Robson & Associates, LLC <i>Associate</i>	
	Provide specialized architectural services for new building design, additions and alterations, and construction repairs.	

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1997 to **Bertone Cozzarelli Architects**

2006 *Managing Partner*

Managed all phases of new and renovation health care projects including skilled nursing facilities, assisted living residences, sub-acute care facilities, MRI suites, adult medical day care facilities, and surgery centers. Other project types included emergency services buildings, restaurants, fitness centers, and community centers.

1986 to **Bertone Associates, P.C.**

2006 *President*

Design and construction administration services for new building and renovation projects within a wide variety of building types. Projects included retail and commercial space, restaurants, schools, single and multi-family residential, animal shelters, and food processing facilities. Approximately 60% of the projects were renovations and/or adaptive reuse of existing buildings.

1986 to **Bertone/Sclare Associates**

1997 *Managing Partner*

Involved in all phases of health care projects including federal government and private hospital renovations, radiology facilities, MRI and CT suites, voluntary and involuntary psychiatric units, facilities for mentally and physically challenged children and adults, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and aids clinical trials units. These projects included new and renovated buildings, fire and life safety upgrading with fire sprinkler system and egress studies, code analysis, and Fire Safety Evaluation Studies (FSES) pursuant to the NFPA Life Safety Code 101.

1978 to **Bertone-Pineles**

1986 *Partner*

Responsible for all phases of architecture and construction administration on projects for state and federal government agencies. The firm was also involved in design build for private clients. Project types included health care, residential condominiums, and indoor recreation facilities.

1978 to **Franklin Universal Building Corp.**

1980 *Field Superintendent*

Construction experience in supervising day to day on-site construction operations. Coordinating work of all construction trades, under the domain of the general contractor, on a multiple prime municipal construction project. Other duties included managing job meetings with the architect and all contractors, review of shop drawings, and coordinating deliveries of materials.

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1970 to **Becker Bendixon Murphy Architects**
1978 *Associate*

Involvement in all phases of varied construction projects. Professional expertise in programming, design, construction administration, and post construction evaluation. Project types include indoor ice arenas, public housing, banks, and schools.

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Registered Architect, State of Montana, 2009
Registered Architect, State of Maryland, 2003
Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Architects, 2001
Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, 1997
Licensed Professional Planner, State of New Jersey, 1985
Registered Architect, State of Florida, 1984
Registered Architect, State of Pennsylvania, 1982
Registered Architect, State of Connecticut, 1978
Registered Architect, State of New York, 1975
Certification by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, 1973
Registered Architect, State of New Jersey, 1971

EDUCATION

Bach. Architecture Cum Laude, 1970, Texas Tech. University

Representative Continuing Education

“Construction Law,” Defense Research Institute, 2009
“Mediating Construction Disputes,” 2009
“Chinese Drywall: What You Need to Know,” 2009
“Contractual Indemnification & Issues Involving Additional Insured,” 2009
“Steel Thermal Efficient Panels for Sustainable Design,” by Accelerated Building Technologies, LLC, 2009
“Masonry Walls & Concrete Floors in Sustainable Design,” by Prosoco, Inc., 2009
“Insulated Wall Cladding for Sustainable & Energy Efficient Design,” by Dryvit Systems, Inc., 2009
“Green Roofing: Achieving Sustainable Results,” by Tremco Group, 2009
“Making Condos Work: Balancing the Risk/Reward Equation in Condominium Design,” 2009
“The Top 5 Legal Issues of Building Information Modeling,” 2009
“2009 AIA Construction Manager Advisor Documents: What’s New with CMa?” 2009

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- “The Integrative Design Process: Reframing & Evolving the Practice of Green Building,” 2009
- “What the Code Official Doesn’t Know Can Hurt You,” 2009
- “Advanced Florida Building Code Accessibility Compliance,” 2008
- “Florida Professional Liability / Standard of Care,” 2008
- “Risk Management Issues for Design Professionals Associated with Design/Build Projects,” 2008
- “ABA Forum on the Construction Industry – Winds of Change? The Consensus DOCS,” 2008
- “The 2006 International Residential Code, NJ Edition,” 2008
- “Urban Security in the 21st Century,” 2008
- “What the Code Official Doesn’t Know Can Hurt You,” 2008
- “Update on Revised Americans with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines,” 2008
- “Nursing Home Disaster Management: Planning, Preparing, Practicing, Protecting,” 2008
- “Construction Defects in Condominiums,” 2007
- “2006 International Building Code Update,” 2007
- “Update on 2008 Edition of ANSI/ICC A117.1,” 2007
- “Performance Based Design for Senior Housing,” 2007
- “NFPA & Fire Safety in High Rise Buildings,” 2007
- “Ambulatory Care Building; Hybrid Design,” 2006
- “Health Care Codes & Standards,” 2006
- “Flashing & Moisture Control,” 2006
- “Construction Code Requirements: Means of Egress,” 2006
- “Vinyl Siding,” 2006

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Elected as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Architects, 2001
- Distinguished Alumnus - Texas Tech University, 2000
- Business News New Jersey; “Who’s Who 10 Most Notable New Jersey Architects,” 1999
- Herman C. Litwack, FAIA, Award for “Lifetime Service to the Architectural Profession” by the Newark and Suburban Architects of AIA New Jersey, 1999
- Invested as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, 1997
- NJ Society of Architects (AIA/NJ) Distinguished Service Medal, 1997
- Tau Sigma Delta, National Architectural Honor Society, 1968

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Code Council (ICC)
Community Associations Institute (CAI)
Defense Research Institute (DRI)
American Institute of Architects (AIA)
 AIA New Jersey
 AIA Newark/Suburban
American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA)
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
N.J. Association of Health Care Facilities (1993-2007)

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE / TASK FORCE PARTICIPATION

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Construction Law Committee (2009-Present)

AIA National Ethics Council (2000-2004)

Members of the American Institute of Architects are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence. The Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, arranged by Canons, Ethical Standards, and Rules of Conduct establishes guidelines for the conduct of members. Enforcement and modification of this code is administered through the AIA National Ethics Council.

AIA Codes & Standards Committee (2000-2003)

Reviews and evaluates new codes or modifications to existing codes with regard to their impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

AIA Codes Task Force (Oct./Dec. 1999)

In September, 1999, the AIA Board of Directors issued a resolution authorizing the creation of this Task Force. The formation of this body was necessitated because of concerns that two separate model construction codes were being developed, against each other, and that this would negatively impact the public interest, the construction industry, and AIA member architects. The group was charged to study these developments and assess how they would affect the AIA's longstanding policy for a single set of model codes. The Task Force received presentations from the leadership of all three model code organizations comprising the ICC, the International Association of Plumbing and

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Mechanical Officials, NFPA, federal government representatives, and AIA members representing Building Codes and Standards, Architecture for Health, and Architecture for Justice. The Task Force issued a "Report of Findings" to the AIA Board and subsequently the entire membership.

AIA Liaison to State and Local Government Affairs Network (1996-1997)

This group of AIA Leaders, Lobbyists, and Component Executive Directors from across the country monitored legislative and code issues at the individual state level with regard to national implications affecting architects and the public.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Board of Directors 2000-2006

American Institute of Architects (AIA)

National Vice President (1999)

Board of Directors (1996-1998)

PRESENTATIONS / SEMINARS

"Building Codes in New Jersey" (Moderator), Lorman Education Services, 2009

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"Cultural Change: Re-Thinking Long Term Care Facility Design," Health Care Association of New Jersey, 2006

"Architectural Ethics and the Impact on Members of the American Institute of Architects," NCARB Educator/Practitioner Conference, 2004

"Architectural & Interior Design for Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities," Health Care Association of New Jersey, 2003

"Universal Accessibility Conference;" Moderator for "Requirements for Existing Facilities under ADA Title II" Washington, DC, 1997

"Assisted Living Environmental Design and Codes Symposium," New Jersey Association of Health Care Facilities, 1996

"Designing the Assisted Living Environment," Gerontology Institute of New Jersey, 1996

"Construction Contracts and Related Documents," State Construction Association of Belarus, Russia, 1994

"Waterfront Development," Long Branch, NJ, Town Meeting, 1994

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GOVERNMENT TESTIMONY

NY City Council: Model Construction Code Selection, Intro 368, 2004
NJ State Assembly: Certification of Interior Designers, A-1301, 1995
NJ State Assembly: Qualifications Based Selection Procedures, A-364, 1994
New Jersey Senate: Certificate of Merit Legislation, S-1493, 1994
US Congress: Anti-recession Infrastructure Jobs Act, H.r.475, 1992

NCARB ACCREDITATION VISITS

Southern University and A & M College, 2000
University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 1999
University of Colorado, 1998

OTHER

President, Board of Education, Holy Cross School, 1985
Member, Monmouth County Construction Board of Appeals, 1982-1985
Municipal Chairperson, Boy Scouts of America, 1982
Chairperson, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Borough of Atlantic Hlds., 1974-1981
President, AIA/NJ, Newark-Suburban Section, 1980

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