

Robson Forensic

Engineers, Architects, Scientists & Fire Investigators

LEE E. MARTIN, AIA, LEED AP
Architect and Safety Expert
Certified Building Code Administrator

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 to present & 2004 to 2005 **Robson Forensic, Inc.**
Associate
Provide technical investigations, analysis, reports, and testimony towards the resolution of litigation involving architecture, construction, premises safety, and the interpretation of building and other related codes.

Facility Design/Construction: codes, standards and quality issues; building envelope design and construction; condition assessment; construction claims and contractual obligations.

Building/Walkway and Egress Safety: design, construction and operation and/or maintenance of stairways, means of egress elements, and other aspects of building use.

Hurricane Damage Mitigation, Assessment and Rehabilitation: avoidance of storm-related damage; code applicability to hurricane-related repair and renovation.

2007 to 2009 **Gobbell Hays Partners, Inc**
Vice President, Senior Manager of Florida Operations

- Profit/Loss Responsibility
- Business Development
- Project Management
- Forensic Evaluation
- Litigation Support
 - Provided code and construction expertise to attorneys and insurers of three large commercial structures and one building complex in cases brought by policy-holders following hurricanes of 2004 and 2005; provided expert reports and deposition testimony in two cases scheduled for trial later in 2009
- Condition Assessment

2006 to 2007 **Bureau Veritas North America, Inc**
Senior Architect, Business Unit Manager

- Profit/Loss Responsibility
- Business Development
- Project Management
- Forensic Evaluation
- Litigation Support
 - Provided field investigation and expert report services to large national general contractor involved in litigation with developers and condominium associations regarding water intrusion issues on new high-rise residential buildings
- Condition Assessment

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- 2005 to 2006 **Capri Engineering, Inc**
Senior Architect, Director of Construction
- Program Management
 - Client Relations
 - Code Administration
 - Performed plan review and inspection duties on high-rise condominium and other buildings under provisions of Florida Private Provider statutes
 - Forensic Evaluation
 - Directed condominium defect mitigation program for elimination of design and construction defects that result in lawsuits when condominium buildings are turned over to associations; participated in programming, design, completion of contract documents, and construction administration phases as advisor to owners
 - Litigation Support
- 2002 to 2005 **School Board of Broward County**
Department Director, Chief Building Official
- Responsible for administration and enforcement of building, life safety and disability/accessibility codes in the fifth-largest school district in the U.S., supervision of 40 person staff, interaction with design professionals and contractors, resolution of design and construction disputes, preparation of budgets, and participation in public meetings.
- Chairman, COO Capital Program Performance Improvement Committee.
 - Member, Consultant Review Committee.
- 1999 to 2002 **PBS&J Architects, Engineers and Planners**
Senior Architect
- Responsible for development, administrative and project management duties in the Architectural Division of a national 2,800-person transportation, environmental, civil engineering and construction services firm.
- Coordinated marketing programs in the areas of capital asset management and sustainable design.
 - Arranged and conducted the S.E. Florida GASB 34/Asset Management workshop for over 100 local public officials.
 - USGBC LEED-Certified sustainable design professional.
 - Project Manager for Town of Jupiter Community Center (\$12 million), Miami-Dade County Public Schools Safety to Life Phase II (\$6.5 million), and Renovation of Naval Air Station Key West HQ Building (\$3 million).

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1998 to **Herrmann-Doverspike Associates, Architects/Interior Designers**

1999 *Senior Architect*

Responsible for project management and business development for a small, closely-held firm. Project architect for Shaw Aero Devices (\$20 million) and the Galleria Office Building Complex (\$14 million).

1993 to **Miami-Dade County Dept. of Building and Zoning**

1998 *Permit Services Division Chief, Building Official*

Supervised staff of 250 plan reviewers, field inspectors and administrators, performed building, life safety and disability/accessibility code administration and enforcement in the third-largest building department in the U.S. during recovery from Hurricane Andrew, the nation's most expensive natural disaster.

- Met frequently with public groups, industry associations and governmental bodies to improve service while maintaining adequate levels of public safety; prepared operating budgets, participated in the setting of permit fees.
- Represented the Department of Building and Zoning at local meetings of the Board of Rules & Appeals, Building Code and Product Review Committee, Construction Trades Qualifying Board, as well as at statewide meetings of the Florida Board of Review (now the Florida Building Commission), the Florida Accessibility Review Board, and the Governor's Building Code Study Commission.
- Testified frequently on code and technical matters in hearings and mediations involving home and business owners in legal actions against hurricane repair contractors, residential developers and others.

1992 to **Palm Beach County Division of Architecture**

1993 *Division Director*

Supervised staff of 35, administered the capital improvement program of the County, consisting of library, detention, health care and numerous other types of projects.

1990 to **Lifeline Acquisition Corporation**

1992 *Chief Architect*

Designed, marketed and supervised the manufacture of numerous health care and correctional modules and complete facilities for domestic and international clients. Completed projects on a timely basis at greatly reduced cost utilizing modular and shop-fabricated components.

- Typical projects included the Walworth County (WI) 104-bed modular detention facility, a customized mobile prenatal unit for San Raphael Hospital in New Haven (CT), and the Minimum Security Dorm for Women in Marin County (CA).
- Responsible for creation of all architectural and engineering materials required for Product Approval of Lifeline units by the Ohio Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workshops and Factories.

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- Prepared conceptual plans and proposals for a variety of individual housing, health care and correctional units or complete facilities for submittal to the American Red Cross, agencies of the Department of Defense, and the governments of Trinidad and the Tabagos, Israel and the former Soviet Union.

1998 to **Benatec Associates, Inc.**

1990 *Chief Architect*

Participated in business development, project management and office administration activities as one of three managers in the Columbus (OH) office.

- Performed plan review, building inspection and building official duties for several municipalities in the central Ohio area.
- Initiated unsafe structure/condemnation activity against owners of multifamily property in Gahanna, OH, assisting city attorneys and other officials in preparation of court submittals; testified in court regarding condition of the property, and the requirements of the building and zoning codes.
- Managed a number of residential subdivision development projects, working with developers, designers, contractors and government regulatory bodies to approve plat and infrastructure plans, and improve sites in preparation for sale to individual homebuilders.

1986 to **Busch Corporate Center**

1998 *Construction Manager, Realtor*

Participated in master planning, office building design, renovation and tenant build-out in the largest office/industrial park in central Ohio.

- Performed due diligence inspections of large commercial buildings on behalf of potential buyers.
- Licensed Realtor.

1985 to **Holroyd-Myers Architects, Inc.**

1986 *Project Architect*

Assisted in preparation of fee proposals and preliminary designs for state projects. Project Architect for a large general aviation hangar with adjacent office space.

1979 to **Ohio Department of Public Works**

1985 *State Architect of Ohio, other positions*

Supervised staff of 130, oversaw capital program planning, funding, and implementation; participated in preparation of design and construction documents, bidding and award, and construction administration for a large number of health care, higher education, correctional, high-rise office building and other projects.

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- Responsibilities included preparation of materials for, and participation in, claim defense negotiations, hearings and trials in the Court of Claims in support of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Ohio.
- Prepared conceptual plans and budgets for renovation of the Ohio Statehouse, Annex and parking garage as well as the Ohio Departments Office Building, and Governor's Mansion.
- Represented the Department of Administrative Services and the Division of Public Works before the State Controlling Board and other committees of the Ohio General Assembly.

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Architect: Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky
Building Official: Florida Certificate No. BU 0000788 (1994)
USGBC Sustainable Design (LEED) Accredited Professional

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration, Florida Atlantic University 2005
B.S. in Architecture, the Ohio State University, 1975

Professional Development:

Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) World Conference, "Evolution of the Skyscraper," 2009

National Business Institute (NBI) Conference, "Construction Defect Litigation From A to Z," 2009

Proton Therapy Co-operative Group (PTCOG) World Conference 47, 2008

Leadership Development Program, University of Virginia Darden School of Business, 2003

Training Courses:

Fire Prevention Basics

The Genesis of Toxic Mold

Toxic Mold Detection, Prevention and Remediation

State Requirements for Educational Facilities/ FBC Chapter 423

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

NFPA Life Safety Code Seminar

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest lecturer to classes in Crisis Management and Business Ethics at the Florida International University School of Business Administration, 2001-2002

Taught continuing education programs to architects, engineers, contractors and others under contracts with Miami-Dade County Community College and the American Spa and Pool Institute, 1996-1998

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM)
Committee E60 on Sustainability
American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Codes and Standards Committee, 2010
Board of Directors, Orlando Chapter, 2008-2009
Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF)
Council On Tall Buildings and Urban Habitats (CTBUH)
Florida Educational Facilities Planners Association (FEFPA)
International City/County Managers Association (ICMA)
International Code Congress (ICC)
US Green Building Council (USGBC)

PUBLICATIONS

Editor, AIA Orlando (FL) *Charrette* newsletter, 2007-2009
Editor, AIA Columbus (OH) newsletter, 1988-1991
“Politics and Professionalism”, *Architectural Record*, 1986

AWARDS

AIA Miami “Government Official of the Year,” 1998
IDIAC “Unsung Hero of the Year Award,” 1996