

Re: Architectural Consultant

Dear Sir/ Madam:

I would like to introduce myself for your consideration as an Architectural Consultant for your current or future project needs. Architecture is my passion and has always been a rewarding experience for me. I utilize my variety of career skills / experience, natural and learned abilities, & strengths. Problem solving and designs with solutions have always come easily for me, and I am known for it. My record of success can be seen in my work & reference letters.

More than 25 years of architectural experience in private, corporate, & independent work. My projects are located in USA, England, Poland, and Kuwait. I Design and manage Home & Commercial preservation, high-end commercial, retail, restaurant, & custom homes among many types. My career began in high school with my hometown Architect firm, where I designed homes and some with active & passive solar, banks, restaurants, an even a neighbors home.

Published Fall 2014: "unknown" Frank Lloyd Wright 28 home block, River Forest, IL I discovered years ago made as book with Wm. A. Storrer. "The Anonymous Frank Lloyd Wright & the 700 William St., River Forest, Project", part of an 8 yr "Rediscovering Wright" book research with joint efforts by Richard Johnson & myself.

I am a highly motivated, flexible, results oriented, self-starter, with hands-on field & ACAD expertise, multi-disciplined in a broad range of skills & functions, & successful at making clients happy. I'm quick on my feet, proficient at problem solving & managing many projects at one time, inclusive of doing field visits and supervision.

For many years I have used new, technological, alternative, & innovative solutions to solve clients design criteria and meet cost effective budgets, save clients future energy & build out costs, and create progressive, efficient, 'organic' and green friendly designs. My project list, drawing samples, & references are available on this website. Thank you for your interest, time, and consideration of my qualifications.

Respectfully,



D. Dominique Watts

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Published Sr. Level Project Manager/Architect with over 25 yrs experience in corporate, private, and independent environments. Highly motivated, results oriented, hands-on professional with expertise over a broad range of architecture skills & functions. Focused to implement appropriate new technological, alternative, and innovative solutions solving client's criteria, meet cost budgets, & create progressive 'organic' designs. Created and ran non-profit "Save the Granada Theatre Society" 2 yrs in Chicago organizing exhibits/ events. Interviewed for TV news/ papers, logo graphics for mailings/ marketing. Architectural docent 5 yrs with Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio, Oak Park, IL giving inside and neighborhood tours.

STRENGTHS

Construction Management, site analysis,payout/field reports	Solar design, Building & Energy Technology
Corp., Commercial, Interior, Site Design, & Space planning	Bldg. product analysis/ selection, research
Sr. level corporate & client project presentations	Client relations, commercial/home construction
AutoCAD, Historic Preservation, Design/ Detailing	Project budget & time compliance
Design team leadership & Project Development	3 yrs Millwork /Cabinetmaker design & build

Proficiencies: AutoCAD 2003, Google Docs, PDF, Adobe, PowerPoint /Excel / MS Office, Word, PaintShop Pro, Works, MS PhotoEditor, Open Office, Softdesk, Quark, WinZip, Scheduler, WinFax; Pagemaker, Windows, Mac, Internet shareware, digital software & digital cameras.

AWARDS

Global Register	WHO'S WHO IN EXECUTIVES & PROFESSIONALS	2006, 2007
Evanston Library Competition	Evanston, IL proposal	top 20 design finalist
Hoskisson Home	Indianola, IA addition/ 2 decks	- BH&G Award
Ligutti Tower, 555 6th Ave. (HUD)	Des Moines, IA \$12M, 12 flr, 139 unit	- City/AIA Commendation
Palm Coast Retirement Complex	Palm Coast, FL \$18M elderly care center	- Regional AIA Award

SR. LEVEL STAFF ARCHITECT/ PROJECT DESIGNER 2 years

Tilton, Kelly + Bell (formerly Tilton+Lewis) Chicago, IL

Designed Corp. HQ's, bank additions, high-end custom design homes, preservations, interior design,& space plans. Hired for my construction, technical detail, & preservation knowledge, field & management experience, & client success.

PROJECT MANAGER / PROJECT DESIGNER 2 years

KLLM Architects Chicago, IL

Residential dept. team member in 16-person office. Created & managed a 35 Acre \$6 Million multi-home dev't site. High-end custom homes, developments, mixed-uses, 24 unit condo complexes, & subdivision/custom homes. Firm downsized to save costs, partners split, & office job focus.

ARCHITECT CONSULTANT

2 years

McDonald's Corporation Oak Brook, IL

Top productivity 3-person team of 45 office staff. Team effort: 153 bldg. Sets, 223 site specific revisions. EFFORTS: 'Volunteer' Technical Exec. Committee Mgr: developed, organized & maintained prototypes; created CAD bldg. detail standards speeding up job time. Designed 21 sites, 63+ site specific/30 site revisions. Fast turn-time & built savings for client. Volunteer Efforts: Amoco Oil/McDonald's interiors' design; Olympic modular prototype- electrical; Playplace details-designs/ management; prototype mark-ups for "all office use" saving team efforts/ time; cost savings/ efficiency analysis. Corporation drastically downsized dept. staff to save budget costs.

PROJECT MANAGER

2 years

Aria Group Architects Oak Park, IL

Promoted 2nd month to manage reg'l Applebee's Chain account myself. 20+ site designs/built. 6 parking /landscape layouts with fast turn time & built savings. **Produced**: designs, elev's, plans/details, bid sets; Nat'l, Region, & local restaurants; corp. & commercial chains; food courts; arcade prototype.

- Weekly client meetings: bldg/ site design, analysis, coordination, implementation, schedules & production.
- Bi-month site checks: 4/day with in-flight problem solving; field reports / negotiations.
- Improved product, electrical, & bldg. design/ analysis for cost savings, customer comfort, & functionality.
- Managed Applebee's account. Generated project sets when my team too busy - prepared spec manuals.
- Volunteer (Competition): Developed boat club / harbor, pavilion design, plans, & elev's for tight entry deadline.
- referred MEP Engineers & Reprographics Co. to reduce office cost/ time & improve quality/ efficiency.

PRIVATE PRACTICE

4 years

D. Dominique Watts, Architectural Designer Chicago, IL

Managed / grew 4 yr independent design shop during weak economy. Gained experience & exposure to control all project & management aspects. Designed 12 Corp., 8 Homes: 2500 Sq. Ft. \$1/4 M - 12,000 Sq. Ft., \$2 Million. Favored with good clients & diverse jobs but unable at time to continue office.

- Supplemented work 2 yrs in cabinet/millwork shop (design/ millwork exp.) - expertise applied to architectural jobs.
- Recreated historic metal ornament restoration drawings (Louis H. Sullivan original bank, Cedar Rapids, IA).

PROJECT DESIGNER

2 years

Bally's Aladdin's Castle Franklin Park, IL

Hired to save "going bankrupt" business & create/design NEW firm look / image & retrofit existing mall locations where contracts were being terminated. Used my past built "mall" stores at Jacobs Eng. Corp (Developers) malls to establish NEW locations/relations at malls I had earlier career designs built in Des Moines & elsewhere in US: Aladdin's had BAD reputation with malls & they weren't able to retrofit existing stores' "looks" themselves. Developed new firm look /image layout /design & establish NEW stores in malls/outlets they weren't able to obtain: (2) Prototypes, new 'flagship' store @ Fox Valley Mall, Aurora, IL & 20+USA state sites- all unique store look/ plans. Managed cohesive team design, field coordination, supervised 9 sites@10,000 SF, \$1/2 -3/4 M cost. My efforts created & established NEW primary national sites "doubling" previous sales record 'top' year profits.

PROJECT MANAGER

1 year

Paragon Group, Ltd Ontarioville, IL

Schematic Design to bid sets, specs, client/field meetings & research on new/existing banks including renovations/ interior restorations to \$1 Million projects. Great fit & experience.

JR. PROJECT MANAGER

2 years

Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill Chicago, IL

Manager small CAD design team: 1/3 of 71 acre British financial center. Designed / modified parking buildings.

- Design team & draftsman on 15 acre phased condo complex. Designed interiors, kitchens, bathrooms, & exteriors.
- Design team for façade & interior plans for multi-story office building over CTA tracks.
- Charnley Home (Frank Lloyd Wright c: 1890's) - product research & minor assistance.
- Interior Dept: Rendered Law Firm office plans for boardroom, Ontario Center entry/plaque: Fazler Kahn memorial

MODEL SHOP (Part-time staff)

½ year

Murphy/ Jahn Architects Chicago, IL

Part-time model shop staff - Fall / Winter semester in Architectural graduate school, Univ. of Illinois @ Chicago.

JR. PROJECT MANAGER

1 year

Kendall, Griffith, Russell, Artiaga Des Moines, IA

- Corporate, Retail, high-rise, Restaurant, Day Care, skywalk, Home projects. Design plans, bid sets.
- Constr. Mgt. & design/bid set- new city prototype: \$10M, 12 flr, 139 unit HUD bldg. onto \$7M, 9 flr parking garage.
- City, State, Federal Gov't projects, req'ts, procedures; Facade & plan design / client coordination

Fortunate experience. Exposure to multiple job types. Left for graduate college.

ASST. PROJECT MANAGER

½ year

Engelbrecht & Griffin Architects Des Moines, IA

Mr. Engelbrecht was an Iowa State Univ. professor. Worked for him May 1984 - Oct 1984 during last session of my undergrad College. Did large scale commercial & mall projects & Elderly care centers in Florida for which this firm specialized as the foremost expert in the US at the time. Put together marketing brochure with redrawn projects to present side/side comparison of floor plan units for prospective clients. Left firm for better opportunity as partners were to split.

ARCHITECT DRAFTSMAN / DESIGNER

2 ½ years

Steffen, Stoltz, Nelson Architects, LLC Ottumwa, IA

Worked during High School years, full-time during summers, & during College summer. Created many custom projects including homes, solar earth home, bank remodels, additions, church renovations, State of Iowa preservation study for "historical" section of downtown Keosauqua, IA - elevation drawings & written proposals. Surveyed hilly site by myself (no prior experience). HUD, FHA / Govt relocation & home appraisals under guidance of Mr. Stoltz, who mentored me.

EDUCATION

Architecture Graduate Study University of Illinois Chicago, IL

B.A. Architecture Iowa State University Ames, IA

Specialized study: Energy analysis- Solar home design; Historic Preservation; Restoration/Renovation & reuse

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

REVIT 2018, AutoCAD 2003, 3D Studio Viz, Microstation, NCARB License Exam, National/ IL Seminars

PAST AFFILIATIONS

Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy	10+ years	Dept. Financial & Professional Regulation	10+ years
Frank Lloyd Wright Assoc. (Taliesin)	10+ years	American Institute of Architects (Assoc)	5 years
Unity Temple Preservation Trust	5 years	Chicago Architectural Club	8 years
Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust	10 years	Evanston Masonic Lodge #524	10 years