

ERWIN & BIELINSKI

ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER, PLLC.

Don Erwin, RA

Principal

Education

- ▶ M. Arch., 1979, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ▶ B.A. Environmental Design, 1974, State University of New York, Binghamton, New York

Professional Licenses

- ▶ New York Architectural License #017573-1, 1985
- ▶ New Jersey Architectural License #AI 14150, 1999
- ▶ Nevada Architectural License #5789, 2006
- ▶ Pennsylvania Architectural License #RA404354, 2008
- ▶ NCARB Certificate #33218, 1985

Professional Associations

- ▶ Member of New York City Bar Association Construction Law Committee

Mr. Erwin has been involved in architectural practice for over 25 year and has provided architectural services on projects ranging from single family homes to high-rise developments. He has also provided legal support consultation and expert witness services in several hundred architectural/construction-related litigation, arbitration, mediation, and private settlement proceedings in both State and Federal court. He has testified in court and participated in numerous arbitration and mediation proceedings and has been retained as a third-party neutral consultant to assist resolving disputes between opposing experts. His services have been provided on behalf of Architects, Engineers, Building Owners, Contractors, Construction Managers, Insurance Companies, Lawyers, Developers, Condominiums/Coops and Institutions. The disputes involved a range of issues including defects in design, manufacturing, and construction, and Owner/Architect, Owner/Contractor, and Contractor/Subcontractor contract disputes. The magnitude of the damages at issue has ranged to as much as \$100 million.

He has also provided forensic investigations related to a variety of building performance defects and provided remedial recommendations on projects throughout the United States.

Mr. Erwin's areas of expertise include standards of architectural professional practice, building design and construction, building performance defect cause and origin, exterior envelope design and performance, and issues involving the cause of mold growth.

Representative Architectural Projects

- **The Greenbrier Resort Casino, White Sulpher Springs, W.Va.** Waterproofing consultant for the construction of a 100,000 sf underground casino addition to this historic resort in the West Virginia.
 - **737 Park Avenue, New York City.** Project Architect for a variety of façade and roofing repairs on this major New York City apartment building.
 - **Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.** Architect for the complete redesign and re-engineering of roof-top hockey/lacrosse field over a university gymnasium, including
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revising pitch of the field, the design of perimeter drainage multiple and redundant roof membranes.

- **MCI Telecommunications Mid-Continent Data Center, Omaha Nebraska.** Forensic Architect for the investigation and remediation of wintertime ice accumulation on interior walls at a program-critical telecommunication data center.
- **Chappaqua School District, Chappaqua, New York.** Project Architect for the facilities assessment of all schools in the district including three grammar schools, the middle school and high school. Also project architect for the complete reroofing of the high school and two grammar schools.
- **Powers Building, Rochester, New York.** Project Architect for the contract document preparation and construction administration for the renovation and adaptive reuse of a landmarked 100,000 sf office building in upstate New York.
- **55 Broad Street, New York City.** Project Architect for the gut renovation of a lower Manhattan office building including new floor-by-floor MEP systems and incorporation of high-speed telecommunication infrastructure.
- **222 Riverside Drive, New York City.** Project Architect for a 22 story luxury apartment building on New York City's upper west side. Winner of Brick Masonry Institute's award for excellence.

Professional Presentations

- **"Principles of Curtain Wall Design Affecting Assessment and Repair"** Association for Preservation Technology, Philadelphia, PA May 2000
 - **"Roofing Systems; A Survey of the Basics"** University of Hartford; Hartford, Connecticut, February 2000, March 2001
 - **"Mold; Designing to Avoid it"**, CNA Continuing Education Seminar for Design Professionals, Durham North Carolina, October 2002
 - **"Mold: Defining the Issues", "Mold: Managing to Reduce Liability"** AIA certified Continuing Professional Education courses
 - **"Why is Mold More of a Problem Today?"** Series of articles in New York Real Estate Weekly, April-June, 2004
 - **"Mold: A Comprehensive Primer on Claims and Litigation in New York"** New York State Bar Association, May, 2004
 - **"Untangling the Risks of Defaults and Defects"** Sponsored by New York Construction Magazine/McGraw Hill, October 7, 2004
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- **“Common Defects and Damages Alleged in High Rise Buildings”**
Mealey’s Construction Defect & Mold Litigation Conference; Scottsdale, Arizona. November 6-7, 2006
- **“Meeting the Challenge of the Multifamily Housing Construction Claim”** International Builder’s Show, Orlando, Florida. February 2008
- **“Code Mandated Building Upgrades”** Community Association Underwriters, Yardley PA, May, 2008
- **“Taking the Stand; Expert Witnesses on Construction Defects can Help Win Cases”** Constructor Magazine, January 2012

Testimony within Prior Five Years

Caroline Bauman v. Simon Property Group, et al.
Supreme Court of the State of New York
County of Westchester
Index No. 17807/03
Trial Testimony

ARC Family, LLC v. Ralph Parnes Associates, Inc.
Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division: Essex County
Docket No. ESX-L-4751-03
Trial Testimony