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CV of: Peter A. Combs, Architect

Graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in architecture 1968 and registered as Architect in August 1971.

September 1968 to March 1972: Worked for John C. Portman & associates in Atlanta, Georgia: as part of a small team of architects within the firm designing and developing concepts into construction documents. These projects were international in character, consisting of large hotels, multistory office buildings and merchandise marts in the United States and Europe.

March 1972 to January 1980: Individual practice as Peter A. Combs, Architect, a design firm working with both new construction and the renovation of older buildings. Including a large amount of work with energy efficient design and in designing safe environments for people that were highly sensitive to materials that out-gas.

February 1980 to January 1986: Principal in Altman/Combs & Associates, Inc. a design/build firm. President of corporation involved in both the design and construction of projects in the commercial and residential markets.

May 1985 to date: Principal in Combs & Associates, Inc. an architectural firm involved in the development and design of such projects as a new corporate headquarters for firm in Alabama, a multifamily residential complex in Arizona, accessing and restructuring the flow of products through a manufacturing plant and the design of a large "sound stage" type studio for a professional advertising photographer in Atlanta. Other projects include: shopping malls, automobile dealerships, retail stores, residences, and restaurants. Projects have ranged from additions and adaptive reuse of older structures to totally new buildings, including the successful development of the Discovery School in Charleston South Carolina, new offices for the Carter Presidential Center and a restaurant for the Woodruff Memorial Arts Center in the Atlanta.

PUBLICATIONS: Article in "Southern Homes" March 1987, titled "Frank Lloyd Wright Can't Build Here".

Article in "Architectural Record" About 1988, titled "CADD for Architects"

LECTURES: 1989, to the HEAL organization, on the building environments that are free of out gassing from building materials.

October 15, 2004, to Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia at a seminar on “Advanced Slip & Fall,” I spoke about the role of building codes in preventing slip & fall injuries.

EXPERT CASES: Worked on to date: 120+
Deposed: 35
Court appearances: 9

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Forensic reconstruction of injury sites from photographs
Architecture & Construction
ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance
Building Code Compliance
Construction Disputes
Disabled Access
Premises Liability
Professional Standard of Care
Analysis of Construction Documents
Construction Failures
Coefficient of Friction testing on walking surfaces
Water intrusion in structures