

CURRICULUM VITAE

Craig T. Cernek, ALA

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Craig Cernek, ALA, is a licensed architect and a general contractor with 35+ years of design/build experience who has served as an expert in various architecture and construction-related disputes since 1995, and as a neutral for the American Arbitration Association on the construction panel since 2015.

EXPERT WITNESS & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Retained as an expert in cases including code violations, construction defects, contractual liability, developer intent, architectural errors and omissions, geotechnical, life safety, payout disputes, property disputes, structural failure, water damage, and zoning violations.

Has prepared detailed forensic reports documenting the construction deficiencies, the codes and standards that they violate, proposed economical resolution, and an opinion of construction value detailing the fair market value for the proposed resolution.

Has testified as an expert in trials, depositions, arbitrations, and public presentations.

Has served as a neutral on the construction panel for the American Arbitration Association hearing cases involving architectural errors and omissions, breach of contract, construction defects, extras to the contract, nonpayment, project abandonment, and rental dispute.

Has served as an umpire, appointed by AAA, in claims-related disputes between insured and insurer including hail damage, pipe leak water damage, roof leak water damage, and wind damage.

EDUCATION

Licensed Architect Continuing Education programs 1999 to Present

- Completes 12+ hours annually of structured seminars covering building materials science, evolving building technologies, contractual liability, ADA compliance, and the practice of architecture.

Bachelor of Architecture Professional Degree in 1988
University of Illinois School of Architecture at Chicago

- Intensive technical training in structural engineering, plumbing systems, HVAC systems, electrical systems, standards for accessible design, urban planning, sociology, and contemporary architectural design theory.
- Humanities studies in the history of art & architecture.
- Scholarship to study art and architecture abroad for one year in 1985 at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Versailles, France.

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

State of Illinois, 1992 to Present
Registered Professional Architect

City of Chicago, 2001 to 2018
Registered Energy Professional

State of Tennessee, 2024 to Present
Registered Professional Architect

State of Wisconsin, 1996 to 2009
Registered Professional Architect

State of Colorado, 2003 to 2009
Registered Professional Architect

USGBC LEED AP, 2009
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
Accredited Professional

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Archi/Build Group, Inc. 1990 to present
President

- Founding principal of a design/build firm for residential and commercial projects encompassing remodeling, additions, and new construction for single-family, multi-family residential, retail, and offices.
- Responsibilities include business planning, budgeting, marketing, sales, design, specifications, construction documents, bidding, permitting, estimating, and all general contracting duties.

Tigerman McCurry Architects LTD, 2017 to Present
Sr. Architect

Hampshire Homes, LLC., 2003 to 2008
Founding Principal

- Developed new single-family homes up to \$1,300,000 in Chicago, Wheaton, and Naperville.

Pre-Licensure Experience: Future Plan, 1990, Foreman/Carpenter. Edmond Zisook, 1989 to 1990, Project Architect. Jordan Moser, 1988 to 1989, Project Architect. Jaeger Nickola, 1983 to 1988, Apprentice.

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

Association of Licensed Architects, 2020 to Present
Director 2022. President, 2025 to Present

AIA Working With An Architect, 2010 to 2020
Chairman 2012

Glenbrook South Alumni Assn., 2026 to Present
Founding Member

Friends of West Edgewater Park, 2010 to 2020
President 2014 & 2015

American Institute of Architects, 2001 to 2020
Chicago Director 2015, Treasurer 2016 & 2017

Near North Association of Condominium Presidents
2000 to 2003, Chairman 2002

AIA Small Practitioners Group, 2008 to 2020
Cochair 2013 & 2014. Chair 2015 & 2016

5757 North Sheridan Road Condominium
Association, 1993 to 2003, President

AIA Small Project Awards, 2011 to 2020
Chair 2012 to 2020

AWARDS & CITATIONS

ALA Design Awards 2022
Equilibrium Table, Chicago, Illinois

AIA Chicago Small Projects Award 2013
Equilibrium Table, Chicago, Illinois

AIA Chicago Small Practitioners Group
President's Citation 2011