

Kevin Ames CASp

Access Consulting Services
Ames Inspections & Consulting, LLC

Profile

Access Compliance Consultant and Project Manager with twenty-eight years business experience, Kevin Ames specializes in assisting facility owners with code compliance issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related State access codes. He is an exceptionally motivated, thorough and committed professional, independent thinker, team player and effective communicator with excellent organizational skills.

Licensure & Professional Affiliations

- Certified Access Specialist (CASp # 022), California Division of State Architect 2008 to Present
- Founding Member, Certified Access Specialist Institute (CASI) 2009 to Present
- Registered Architect in California (# C28944) 2002 to Present
- LEED Accredited Professional Since 2004

Access Compliance Experience

Access Compliance Specialist

Kevin Ames CASp, Ames Inspections & Consulting, LLC, Palm Springs, CA 2012 to Present

- Access Compliance Consultant providing services to retail, commercial, educational and hospitality clients throughout California.
- Provide training programs for facility staff on facility owner's and user's role in continued access compliance.
- Promote awareness of civil rights laws related to access compliance with architects, contractors, construction managers and facility owners
- Part of nationwide network of consultants providing access compliance services to various public and private clients of Evan Terry Associates, a nationally recognized ADA Architectural firm.

Guest Lecturer in Access Compliance, Local AIA Chapters, Southern California 2008 to Present

- Provided Access Compliance Continuing Education seminars and workshops, required for renewal of licensure for a variety of local AIA chapters.

Los Angeles Community College District / Build-LACCD, Los Angeles, CA 2009 to 2011

- Consultant responsible for implementation of Bond Project Access Compliance program at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC), part of District-wide team. Coordinated and developed detailed ADA Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation for Valley College.
- Conducted plan reviews and ongoing construction monitoring of new construction and renovation on campus as part of continuous compliance effort.

Senior Project Manager, Senior Associate

WWCOT | Mills Architecture and Interiors, Palm Springs, CA 2005 to 2009

- Project Manager and Accessibility Specialist for community college and K-12 school projects, city projects and medical facility tenant improvements.
- Responsible for architectural project management of the Indio Teen Center, the Indio Senior Center, the design of the Desert Hot Springs Boys & Girls Club and the existing conditions and access survey and renovation of the COD Dining Hall.
- Managed teams of multiple staff members across the organization as well as consultants throughout Southern California.

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Project Management Experience

Project Manager

Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning, Santa Monica, CA

2004 to 2005

- Architectural project manager for several large retail and hotel projects in the Los Angeles area.
- Coordinated consultants and internal staff, managed schedule and fees within client's budgets and coordinated approvals process for multiple large-scale projects.

Project Management Consultant

Kevin Ames, Project Consulting Services

2002 to 2004

- Project manager for various residential projects in Palm Springs, California.
- Directed transition from general contractor to owner/builder construction management of multi-million dollar private residence in Carmel, CA, for Bay Area project management company.

Development Project Director

SRM Associates, Commercial Real Estate Development, Oakland, CA

2000 to 2002

- Project Director for commercial renovations in the San Francisco Bay area. Directed \$8 million award-winning seismic upgrade and historic tax credit renovation of I. Magnin & Co. Building. Obtained listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Responsible for project budgets and schedules, planning and approvals, investment analysis, annual budgeting, tenant relations, leasing and property management.

Architectural and Planning Consultant

Kevin Ames Architect, Wilmington, NC; Chapel Hill, NC; San Francisco, CA

1993 to 2000

- Consulting Architect, in conjunction with Gensler Architecture and Michael Willis Architects, Design & Planning, on the Moscone Center Expansion Project in San Francisco.
- Managed all aspects of sole-proprietorship. Client consulting, planning approvals, project design and construction administration on numerous residential and commercial projects requiring timely delivery, accurate budgets and team coordination.
- Projects included a Bed & Breakfast, a 15-unit single-family home complex, a variety of home renovations and numerous single-family vacation homes.
- Planning Department consultant for Bald Head Island, NC. Developed architectural standards, interpreted zoning regulations, and assisted new homeowners in negotiating the approval process.
- Designed and supervised construction of new home within residential historic district. Awarded Certificate of Recognition from the Historic Wilmington Foundation.

Education

University of North Carolina

Master of Regional Planning / MBA

Concentration in Land Use Planning and Real Estate Development.

Chapel Hill, NC

1999

Harvard University, Graduate School of Design

Master of Architecture / Letter of Commendation

Cambridge, MA

1984

University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Design, Cum Laude

Philadelphia, PA

1980