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**James Rappoport, AIA – NCARB Professional Architect - Expert Profile: (Updated July 1, 2024)**

**James Rappoport** is Principal – Architect of Record at Daroff Design Inc. + DDI Architects PC, a full-service Urban Design, Planning, Architectural & Interior Design practice founded in 1973. The firm specializes in ground-up, renovation, and historic adaptive reuse projects for office facilities, hotels, resorts, retail and shopping facilities, restaurants, residential, meeting, conference and training facilities, aviation terminals, gaming, and entertainment projects throughout the USA and Internationally.

**With 55+ years of experience**, Mr. Rappoport has successfully provided technical consultation, expert witness opinions, affidavits, certificates of merit, depositions, mediation & arbitration presentations, testimony, and pre-trial support in more than 600 legal cases, engaged by both defendants’ and plaintiffs’ legal teams. **Each of these cases have settled based on Mr. Rappoport’s investigations, reports, and opinions, prior to trial.** Mr. Rappoport is the author of several professional textbooks and trade journal articles, has been awarded multiple copy rights and is an active member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the US Green Building Council (USGBC), the International Code Council (ICC), and the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA). He is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

**Areas of Expertise**

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| Architecture  | Real Estate Lending Practices – Development Financing   |
| Architectural Building Codes / Design & Standards     | Office Building Design & Planning                       |
| Architectural Design                                  | Owner – Architect Agreements                            |
| Architectural Practice                                | Owner – Contractor Agreements                           |
| ADA – Accessibility Accessible Routes                 | Professional Liability (Architecture & Design)          |
| ADA - Accessibility Design & Compliance               | Premises Safety and Liability                           |
| ADAAG 2010 Alleged Violations & “Tester” Complaints   | Planning & Zoning Disputes                              |
| Building Codes & Ordinances                           | Restaurant Accessibility Planning                       |
| Construction & Architectural Design                   | Restaurant Feasibility Studies, Budgets & Design        |
| Construction Claims                                   | Shopping Center Development & Accessibility             |
| Construction Disputes                                 | Slip – Trip - Fall Accident Personal Injury (Causes)    |
| Facility Programming & Feasibility Studies            | Site Assessment & Development                           |
| Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) Specifications | Site Development & Project Budget Disputes              |
| Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Failures/Warranties   | Standard of Care (Architecture & Design)                |
| Hotel & Resort Design, Planning & Construction        | Urban Design, Development & Planning                    |
| Interior Design, Planning & Fit-out Construction      | Zoning Presentations, Applications, Reviews and Appeals |

**Education:**

- Bachelor of Architecture, Cornell University, 1964
- M. Sc. Architecture & Urban Design, Columbia University, 1966
- Post Graduate Studies in Urban Economics, NYU, 1967-1969
- First Licensed to Practice Architecture in New York State, 1969
- American Institute of Architects – Continuing Education - Ongoing

**Professional Licenses and Registrations: (NCARB Certified)**

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| Arizona     | Georgia  | Louisiana     | New Hampshire  | Pennsylvania   | US Virgin Islands |
| California  | Hawaii   | Maryland      | New Jersey     | South Carolina | West Virginia     |
| Colorado    | Illinois | Massachusetts | New York       | Tennessee      | Wisconsin         |
| Connecticut | Indiana  | Mississippi   | North Carolina | Texas          |                   |
| Delaware    | Kansas   | Missouri      | North Dakota   | Virginia       |                   |
| Florida     | Kentucky | Nevada        | Ohio           | Washington DC  |                   |