

Kier Gregory Cotton
CURRICULUM VITAE



Mr. Cotton has a diverse, comprehensive, and practical knowledge of construction methodologies, with equivalent experience in the science of sequencing projects. His intellectual understanding is paired with first-hand experience over years of practical application. Mr. Cotton holds several active licenses from the state of California, specifically plumbing, electrical, and carpentry. For each of these credentials, Mr. Cotton accrued qualifying time under the guidance of licensed experts in each trade and passed all required testing. He has been in construction since the early 2000's, solidly grounding his vast knowledge and expertise.

EXPERIENCE

President/ Owner: KORE Consulting Group LLC:
Established in 2022

KORE is a construction consulting business established to provide consultant support to the construction industry in the areas of Expert witness, Construction/ plan review & buildability, Inspection and remote structural verification services, and project management. Services include:

- Testing and analysis of construction defects.
- Destructive testing (ASTM standard testing doctrines).
- Field inspection services.
- Comprehensive report generation.
- Contract analysis: scope of work and cost.
- Cost of repair estimating.
- Specialty trade - Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC.
- Evaluate building envelope defects.

VP of Reconstruction - Senior Consultant: Blackstone Development, Inc. –Walnut Creek, CA - 2022 to 2024

Mr. Cotton serves as an expert witness in many construction-related matters. As VP of Reconstruction and Senior Consultant at Blackstone Global based in Walnut Creek CA, Mr. Cotton performs construction defect and litigation services with a team of highly qualified experts.

CEO/ Owner: KC Gregory, Signature Construction LLC
Established 2022

Licensed in good standing # 1091129. KC Gregory is a design/ build company with a focus on high-quality/ service work.

Owner/ Contractor: Asset Home Building
– Livermore, CA - 2010 to 2022

Owner/ Builder. Business management, develop systems to complement operations and place contributing individuals in key positions to achieve objectives. Marketing, H/R, operations, Contracting, and fieldwork. “Bags-on” contractor. AHB’s focus business was in the single-family dwelling arena. A typical project consisted of custom SFD home building, accessory dwelling home construction, SFD additions and remodeling, and kitchen and bathroom remodeling. Built several homes from the ground up, these projects included assisting clients in the design and planning, management, or execution of site preparation and foundation to finish construction of the structure. Performed many additions and alterations to existing structures of

extremely technical levels of complexity. Renovated existing structures and kitchen/ bath remodels. Closed company in good standing.

Foreman: 3D Remodeling
– Livermore, CA – 2007 to 2008

High-end residential projects including kitchens, bathrooms, and general home remodeling. Projects usually include a complete demo to framing and re-structuring to meet code requirements. Installation of electrical fixtures, including plugs/ outlets, lights, switches, and appliances. Running new circuits for electrical scope/ code requirements, panel tie-in/ upgrades. Installation of insulation, windows/ doors, drywall, flooring, paint, cabinets, and trim. Plumbing work associated with kitchen/ bathroom remodel. Including ABS drain lines for shower/ tub, sink and toilet drain. As well as copper sweat/ braze and installation of plumbing fixtures. Responsible for oversight of all sub-contractors.

Lead Carpenter: A B Builders/ Kitchens by Design
– Dublin, CA – 2005 to 2007

Installation of High-end residential Projects including kitchens, bathrooms, and general home remodeling. Projects include a complete demo to framing, re-structuring to meet code requirements, over-site of electrical contractors, installation of insulation, windows/ doors, drywall, flooring, paint, cabinets, trim, and appliances. Responsible for project oversight/ sub-contractors.

Journeyman Carpenter: Vassar Construction
– Brentwood, CA – 2004 to 2005

Residential/ remodel and new construction. Performed framing, roofing, sheeting, windows, and electrical, plumbing, interior finish including cabinetry, door/ window casing, tile/ granite, and painting.

Installer/ Stair Builder: Tri-Valley Stairs
– Livermore, CA -2002 to 2004

Shop work, fabricate, and craft specialty components for custom installation projects and manufacture parts to provision installers in the field. Assemble material and supply packages for field installers. Fieldwork, piecework installation of stairs. In new construction and remodel, handcraft and install to exceed the standard of the industry.

Lead Installer/ Benchman 1: Cabinet Meadows
– Brentwood, CA – 2001 to 2002

Installation of high-end residential Projects including kitchens, entertainment centers, offices, baths, closets, and various trim work. Also, installation of track residential (whole house), cabinetry, and commercial cabinetry, Management of installation crew in the field.

First Bench-man position: Specializing in radius cabinetry, as well as furniture to production/ economy grade cabinetry including stair work.

EDUCATION

Traditional trade apprenticeship

CERTIFICATION

CA General B License #942292

CA General B License #1091129

Additional endorsements

C-10 Electrician

C-36 Plumbing

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

Construction planning & oversight

Plan review & permitting

Construction Estimating

Structural engineering

Site development

Grading and irrigation water management

Excavation, foundation, and footing

Retaining walls

Rough framing & carpentry (wood/ timber frame)

Structural steel

Plumbing

Electrical

HVAC

Building envelope and vapor barrier

Roofing systems (all types)

Exterior façade (all types)

Door & window systems

Drywall

Carpentry

Tile systems

Interior & exterior fixtures (plumbing/ electrical)

Appliances

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Forensic field investigation

Litigation support services

Contract claims consulting

Reconstruction management

Reconstruction repair scope preparation

Code compliance review

Expert witness services

Construction management

Structural steel and wood framing

Construction cost estimating

Lath/Plaster/Drywall/Stucco/EIFS

Waterproofing, water management

Low-rise buildings/ mixed-use

Window testing

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PRIOR TESTIMONY

DEPOSITION TESTIMONY

Chang Long v Frank Sun
Superior Court of California – County of Santa Clara
Case No.: 19-CV-342114
June 21, 2024

ABC v Jiang
Superior Court of California – County of Alameda
Case No. 21-CV-004485
July 24, 2024

Colleen Fatooh v Achill Beg Construction Inc.
Superior Court of California – County of San Francisco
Case No. CGC-22-600255
August 27, 2024

Sameer Bhadouria v MSASA Properties LLC
Superior Court of California – County of San Francisco
Case No. CGC-23-606082
September 19, 2024

BINDING ARBITRATION

Williams v Ruby Hills HOA
Private Arbitration
June 10, 2024