



# C3i

Consulting .. Technical .. Education



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## Professional Biography:

Ken is a founding member of **C3i** and a practicing Architect. He contributes over 30 years of experience in the design, construction, forensics and training industries and he provides a leadership role in both the company's technical and educational service segments.

His goals have always remained to provide high quality professional services, innovative service capabilities, and value-driven service delivery methods for his clients. At any given time, you can find Ken busy in a variety of roles not only typically of a design professional, but also in not-so-typical roles managing construction work, initiating development projects, teaching code officials, training and advising other design professionals, and even initiating other related business ventures.

Notable among his professional history, Ken has served as President and Principal-in-charge of an architecture firm since its founding in 1995. His practice focus has remained existing buildings and facilities. Additions, remodels, improvements, occupancy changes, alterations and repairs have long been a challenging project segment for both Owners and traditional industry professionals including A/E firms, Design/Build Firms and Construction Companies. Ken's proven ability to effectively solve and manage the unique problems associated with existing facilities has created a successful niche for his services, particularly in the municipal and industrial markets.

In addition, Ken's interest and experience in the diagnostic and forensic analysis of construction disputes, building deterioration & failure, criminal events, substandard design & engineering, etc. have resulted in extensive experience as an expert on performance failure, design errors and omissions, construction contract failures, as well as personal injury and property damage claims. He is also a frequent expert in both project and peer review on behalf of various interests including regulatory entities, financial institutions, etc. Due to his unique technical and legal experiences, Ken has been invited to speak on various topics at Universities, legal associations, Code Enforcement associations, insurance industry seminars, etc. In response to a growing need for distinct technical services related to building evaluations in both planning and post construction applications, he initiated the formation of a separate company that provides

forensic, prevention and training services related to building durability and performance failure challenges. Clients include Building Owners, Law Firms, Design & Engineering Professionals, Construction Service Providers, Insurance Professionals, and others with interests and investments in building performance outcomes. The firm provides advanced expertise in not only the technical engineering and construction issues that affect building performance, but also the more holistic view of individual, team and standards of care performance issues that affect building performance as well.

In addition, Ken has taken a growing leadership role in his commitment to modernizing the Design Professional's value in today's competitive design and construction markets. His innovative approach to combine the Architect's traditional heritage with the Builder's at-risk performance has resulted in more flexible and results-orientated service capabilities for clients and their unique needs. His master builder philosophy provides a flexible single-source project delivery service that can include Architecture, Construction Management, Construction Contracting, Development, and Project Management. Depending on the unique needs and priorities of Owners, Ken formed a sister company in to his AE practice that focused on the needs of Owners seeking At-Risk and/or more comprehensive project delivery services.

And more recently, Ken has served as a founder of a company that provides professionally accredited continuing education services for design professionals in both web-based and live event formats.

Prior to establishing his Ownership interests in design, construction, forensic and education companies, Ken successfully served a variety of clients as a staff Project Manager for both Buffalo and Rochester, NY-based Architectural and Engineering firms. His list of past and current clients includes numerous Building Owners, Government Officials, Facility Managers, Plant Engineers, General Contractors, Construction Managers, Lawyers, and fellow Architecture and Engineering Design Professionals. Specific project experiences represent a diverse array of building types and the services provided have included all phases of project development from pre-design to post-construction evaluations and investigations. He has successful experience serving clients both as a primary consultant and as a member of a consulting team that includes other engineering and construction professionals.

Prior to entering the fields of Design and Construction, Ken served as an energy conservation and building performance specialist with a major public utility company. During his service time, he became trained as an *Energy and Auditor Specialist* under the United States Department of Energy.

Ken's roots in Architecture began as the son of a self-employed remodeling contractor. Following his university studies, he later gained experience working in various employment including commercial construction, residential home building, school district facilities engineering, municipal buildings & grounds, and public utility consulting. His career in the Design Profession began with typical experiences for a young intern and evolved into very unique expertise and values. Still, the influence of his father to combine the science of engineering and the skill of building with the creativity of architecture remains the foundation of his C3i practice philosophy.

**Professional Experience:**

32 Years

**Professional License:**

Registered Architect: New York State Reg. No. 025221

**Business Interests:**

Partner - C3i  
President - Architecture Unlimited, LLC  
President - AUbuild, LLC  
Partner - Building Science Services, LLC  
Partner - Pearl Holdings, PC  
Partner - Eclipse Programs

**Education:**

Construction Technology Studies - Rochester Institute of Technology  
Bachelor of Science, Environmental Design - State University College at Buffalo  
Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership - State University at Buffalo

**Professional Affiliations (Past & Present):**

American Institute of Architects  
American Institute of Architects – Continuing Education Provider  
Association for Facilities Engineers  
Coalition of Design Professionals  
Design/Build Institute of America  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Association of Industrial and Office Properties  
Niagara County Workforce Investment Board  
New York State Dept. of State, Code Division – Certified Continuing Education Provider  
North Tonawanda Planning Commission  
St. Mary’s R.C. Church of Swormville – Building Committee Co-Chair / Exec. Committee Member

**Awards & Recognition:**

- National Marvin Windows Yellow Rose Recognition Award
- Featured Architect - *Builder/Architect Magazine* (***As Architect***)
- Featured Building and Fire Codes Expert in nationally distributed educational video – *The Rosa’s Home Center Fire: Solving the Mystery of an Unnecessary Fire Death*
- Featured Architect - *Builder/Architect Magazine* (***As Builder***)

### Speaking Engagements:

- Legal Standards for Design Professionals – SUNY College at Buffalo, Interior Design Dept.
- Codes, Contracts, Rules-of-Thumb, & Illegal Practice – SUNY College at Buffalo, Interior Design Dept.
- The Business of Design – SUNY College at Buffalo, Interior Design Dept.
- An Architect’s Legal Perspective: Design & Construction Disputes – Western New York Trial Lawyers Association
- An Architect’s Legal Perspective: Design & Enforcement – Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association
- An Architect’s Legal Perspective: Design & Enforcement – Finger Lakes Building Officials Association Education Conference
- An Architect’s Legal Perspective: Design & Enforcement – Hudson Valley Code Enforcement Officials Education Conference
- A Manual for Project Representatives – American Institute of Architects Continuing Education
- An Architect’s Legal Perspective: Design & Enforcement – Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Conference
- The NYS Property Maintenance Code: A Forensic Architect’s Perspective – Western Southern Tier Code Enforcement Officials Conference
- Defending the Code – New York State Building Officials Conference – Rockland County Chapter
- Various Program Presentations – Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board
- Various Continuing Education Programs as an American Institute of Architects Continuing Education provider for design professionals.

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