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Shows illustrative work for past 10 years plus architectural, planning, and urban design experience during past 40 years of professional practice

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Links to my website creations

On [YouTube](#), check out videos of [JLeese777](#) and [ThreeSticksFilms](#)

ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATIONS
• Colorado #800822
• Florida #AR93176



Profile

I am an artist, an architectural illustrator, an architect, a planner, and an urban designer. I relocated to Southwest Florida after more than 30 years of practice in the Denver area and Kansas City. My experience includes architecture specializing in mixed-use, residential apartments and loft condominiums, parking garages in urban centers, and other urban core building types. While in Denver, I was a key participant in the design of a considerable number of urban and downtown projects many located in Denver and Boulder, Colorado, Kansas City, San Diego, and Ithaca, New York, many of them award-winning. Recently I has been working on resort projects, including the Fort Myers Beach's Time Square redevelopment.

I bring a broad perspective of interests and talents to any project and in my 38 years of practice I have been involved in a variety of development projects in both the public and private sectors. I also taught several courses at the University of Colorado at Boulder's School of Architecture and Planning and served on many community boards and committees, including five years on the City of Boulder Planning Board. Most recently I have taken up art and architectural illustration applying the professional knowledge and the many skills I have accumulated over the years. Presently, I am practicing as an architectural-planning-urban design consultant as well as undertaking architectural illustration and graphic services supporting the design professions.

Experience

PRINCIPAL, CITY DESIGN & GRAPHICS, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 2008 -

I provide project graphics and illustrations for planners, urban designers, and architects, as well as consulting services to same and others, including governmental entities.

MANAGER OF DESIGN, R. J. MCCORMACK ARCHITECT, INC., FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 2004 - 2008

AT RJMA, I was planner-designer for several projects, including the Times Square Redevelopment project on Fort Myers Beach, Paradise Preserve in North Fort Myers (a mixed-use community on the site of the Lockmore Country Club), and RedFish Key Condos in Englewood, as well as several others than can be seen on my City Design & Graphics illustration website (see "1984-2009 Illustrations" link on the left). I also provided all marketing graphics and project marketing packages (including PowerPoint™ and Quicktime™ presentations) for the firm and its clients.

PRINCIPAL, CITY DESIGN, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 2002 - 2004

I served as a consultant to developers and quasi-governmental groups in visualizing development opportunities. Please refer to the website link under "2002-2004 Projects" on the left.

PRINCIPAL, SHEARS & LEESE ARCHITECTS, INC., DENVER, COLORADO 1988 - 2002

Business partner Chris Shears and I specialized in the planning and design of large mixed-use, urban projects in dense urban areas for a number of years. Please refer to the website link "1984-2002 Projects" on the left.

PRINCIPAL, ARCHITECTURE FOUR COLLABORATIVE, PC, BOULDER, COLORADO 1984 - 1988

Four architects left a Boulder firm to start this company, until different interests led two of the four into different directions. The other two went on to become Shears & Leese Architects.

Education

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, B. ARCH, 1968 (WITH HIGH HONORS)
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, COLLEGE OF LAW
HARVARD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM:
• RETAIL PLANNING AND NEW URBANISM, 2006



Representative Architectural Projects

15TH & PEARL PARKING GARAGE AND RETAIL-OFFICE PROJECT, BOULDER, COLORADO
 1890 WYNKOOP LOFTS AND PARKING GARAGE, DENVER, COLORADO
 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AT ST. LOUIS & NORMANDY, MISSOURI TOWN CENTER MASTER PLAN
 CONOVER PLACE LOFTS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
 FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS
 SCREENLAND VILLAGE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
 THE NEW LANDINGS MASTER PLAN, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
 ONE WYNKOOP PLAZA, DENVER, COLORADO
 MILE HIGH LOFTS, DENVER, COLORADO
 FLOUR MILL, PHASE TWO, DENVER, COLORADO
 PARKLOFT ONE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
 THE ACADEMY, BOULDER, COLORADO
 2200 MARKET APARTMENTS, DENVER, COLORADO
 THE PALACE LOFTS, DENVER, COLORADO
 ITHACA PARKING GARAGES, ITHACA, NEW YORK
 TIMES SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT, FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA
 PARADISE PRESERVE TOWN CENTER, NORTH FORT MYERS, FLORIDA
 REDFISH CONDOMINIUMS, ENGLEWOOD, FLORIDA
 NORTH STAR WEST, NORTH FORT MYERS, FLORIDA



Awards and Honors

1890 WYNKOOP LOFTS AND PARKING GARAGE, DENVER, COLORADO

- AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR PARKING, AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE, 2002
- FLOUR MILL LOFTS, PHASE 2, DENVER, COLORADO
- HONOR AWARD, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, 2001

15TH & PEARL PARKING GARAGE, BOULDER, COLORADO

- CONGRESS OF NEW URBANISM DESIGN AWARD, 2006
- DESIGNS FOR AGING AWARD, COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF HOMES FOR THE AGING, 2002
- 2002 BEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING, PROJECTS OF THE YEAR AWARD, MASONRY CONSTRUCTION MAGAZINE, 2002
- MERIT AWARD, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION, 2001
- AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, CATEGORY 1, 2001 INTERNATIONAL PARKING AWARDS, INTERNATIONAL PARKING INSTITUTE (IPI), 2001
- CITATION AWARD, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, DENVER CHAPTER, 2000
- HONOR AWARD, ROCKY MOUNTAIN MASONRY INSTITUTE, 2000

THE ACADEMY, BOULDER, COLORADO

- AWARD OF EXCELLENCE / ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN IN RENOVATION, CONTEMPORARY LONG-TERM CARE MAGAZINE, 2000
- HONORABLE MENTION AWARD, RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF THE YEAR, BUILDING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION MAGAZINE, 2000
- STATE HONOR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADAPTIVE RE-USE, COLORADO PRESERVATION, INC., 1999
- HONOR AWARD, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, DENVER CHAPTER, 1999
- PRESERVATION AWARD, HISTORIC BOULDER, INC., 1999
- ARCHITECTS' CHOICE AWARD, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 1998
- HONOR AWARD, COLORADO'S BEST IN RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE (COBRA), 1998

PALACE LOFTS, DENVER, COLORADO

- GOLD NUGGET AWARD, BEST IN THE WEST, GRAND AWARD FOR THE BEST MIXED-USE PROJECT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS AND BUILDER MAGAZINE, 1999
- ARCHITECTS' CHOICE AWARD, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 1999

GREEN-LEESE RESIDENCE, BOULDER, COLORADO

- HOUSING DESIGN AWARD, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, DENVER CHAPTER, 1986
- WESTERN HOME AWARD, SUNSET MAGAZINE AND AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, 1986-87

PERSONAL

- STATE HONOR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADAPTIVE RE-USE, COLORADO PRESERVATION, INC., 1999
- DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD, 1985
- AIA SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS, ASU COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, 1966, 1967, 1968
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS SCHOOL MEDAL (TOP GRADUATE), ASU COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, 1966
- FOUR AWARDS FOR ARTWORK IN 2009 (ART LEAGUE OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA)



Recent Publishings

ARCHITECTURAL ILLUSTRATION APPEARS IN **DRAWING SHORTCUTS** BY JIM LEGGETT FAIA, 2ND EDITION, 2009
 ART WORK IS FEATURED IN SEVERAL SW FLORIDA GALLERIES AND RESTAURANTS.

Current Professional Associations

MEMBER, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURAL ILLUSTRATORS (ASAI)
 MEMBER, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIA)
 ACCREDITED MEMBER, CONGRESS OF THE NEW URBANISM, FLORIDA CHAPTER (CNU)
 MEMBER, ART LEAGUE OF FORT MYERS, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA
 MY ARE IS FEATURED FOR SALE ON MY WEBSITE: JAMESLEESEART.COM

