

# Aran Kaufer



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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2005–Present     **President** – *Bright Street, Inc (Berkeley, CA)*  
Founder of real estate development, project management, and architecture firm. Currently working on the construction of a \$30 mil public middle school in Hayward, CA
- 2003–2005     **Project Manager** – *Panoramic Interests (Berkeley, CA)*  
Development team member for construction of 100-unit, mixed-use, multi-family building. Tasks include coordination of general contractor, architect, investors, and financial institution; reviewing RFIs; negotiating contracts; obtaining building permits; and managing budget.  
  
Managed reconstruction of defective exterior wall of downtown Berkeley, high-rise mixed-use, multi-family building. Prepared budgets and defect matrix while coordinating consultants and attorneys for corresponding water intrusion investigation and construction defect lawsuit.
- 1998–2003     **Project Manager** – *Integrated Structures (Berkeley, CA)*  
Managed the design and development of a proposed 64,000 SF mixed-use housing project for the Berkeley campus of the American Baptist Seminary of the West. Responsibilities included interfacing with clients, Berkeley Planning Department, and neighborhood groups to obtain entitlements. Zoning Adjustments Board approved project June 2002; project was appealed to City Council in 2003 and is currently pending EIR process.  
  
Previous work included management and coordination of construction of \$3 million, 20,000 SF renovation and retrofit of landmarked building designed by Julia Morgan for the American Baptist Seminary of the West campus. Negotiated contracts, managed budget, obtained building permits, managed subcontractors, interfaced with clients, and synchronized construction with ongoing design process.
- 1997–1998     **Project Manager/Draftsman** – *Jeff Shelton Architect (Santa Barbara, CA)*  
Managed construction documents for a 2,400 SF adobe home in Santa Barbara hills.
- 1996–1997     **Draftsman** – *Andy Neumann Architect (Santa Barbara, CA)*  
Built 3-D CAD models and produced working drawings for several residential and commercial projects.
- 1996–1997     **Construction Manager/Carpenter** – *Redhorse Constructors (San Rafael, CA)*

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Construction management for this firm included creating schedules, estimates, and organizing safety program. Prior to assuming management responsibilities, worked as a carpenter on several high-end residential projects.

1993–1995 **Project Manager/Teacher** – *Sim Van der Ryn and Associates (Sausalito, CA)*

Implemented an ecological design curriculum at San Domenico School. Planned and led classes integrating ecological principles with traditional coursework. Collaborated with students and teachers to design and build a garden classroom utilizing clay/straw walls and 95 percent recycled materials.

### EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Education: *Bachelor of Arts, Architecture, UC Berkeley (1993)*

Licensing: *California Licensed Architect. License No. C-30748*

Accreditations: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Accredited Professional

Professional Organizations/Community Involvement:

- I. Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board, *Board Member* – Occasionally Appointed by City Councilmember Darryl Moore.
- II. Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission, *Commissioner* – Appointed by City Councilmember Margaret Breland. Served from December 2002 – February 2005.
- III. Wesley Foundation at UC Berkeley, *Member of the Board of Directors* – Served from February 2009 – Present.
- IV. Livable Berkeley, *Member* – A broad-based organization that advocates smart growth and sustainable development in Berkeley.

### SKILLS

- Well-versed in CEQA and entitlements process
- Effective financial proforma analysis skills
- Experienced in all phases of construction
- Strong design skills, from concept to details
- Journeyman carpenter
- Microsoft Office
- ArchiCAD
- Primavera SureTRAK
- FileMaker Pro
- Yardi Property Management

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