

Experience: 2001 to Present

Heather Brin, Architect, P.C.

Port Jefferson, NY

## Principal Architect

- Licensed Architect in New York State for approximately 23 years,
- Performed building analyses on a number of buildings to determine the structure's compliance with the Americans with Disability Act Guidelines (1990 & 2010), as well as the HUD requirements where applicable.
- Building Analysis Projects include, but not limited to:
  - (1) extensive analyzing of an existing Hotel/Casino to determine culpability in legal case regarding non-compliance with ADA. The non-compliance may have resulted in a fatality on the premise. Work included: building permit analysis to determine which ADA code applies (through FOIA requests), visiting site and documenting the areas of non-compliance (in written and photographic form), producing 15 page report noting the applicable ADA code, the areas within the facility where there is non-compliance regarding the ADAAG, and giving examples of similar legal cases that showed non-compliance with ADAAG.
  - (2) Reviewing an existing multistory residential high rise in NYC, including researching the building code it was designed under, reviewing the Certificate of Occupancies of said building to determine the applicable ADA code, measuring existing conditions, provided photographic evidence of existing conditions within the building that are not in compliance with applicable code. Analysis included: an extensive written analysis of the existing conditions vs. the ADA requirements (referencing applicable code, diagramming said requirements and noting where building was not complying with it, etc.)
  - (3) An analysis of a medical office space in Staten Island, NY for compliance with ADA entrance requirements. Analysis included: determining applicable ADA guidelines for the bldg, and the areas of non-compliance in regards to the ADA. Analysis included: parking, entrance from sidewalk, accessible entrance requirements and omissions, etc.
- Have attended ADAAG Continuing Education courses through the AIA, as well as the United States Access Board to ensure that I am up to date on the current ADA requirements.
- Started the company in 2013: **Aging In Place Architecture, PLLC** that specializing in the design of living spaces for physically or medically challenged individuals.
- Advocate for the "Aging In Place" community, by lecturing to design professionals & the general public on the design considerations for said community.
- Specializing in ADA type construction, in commercial as well as residential projects, including medical office spaces, exterior ramps/medical building access. Work also includes, home renovations to accommodate clients with physical challenges, including those who utilize wheelchairs (paraplegics, etc.).
- Sole practitioner of own firm for approximately 21 years, specializing in small to mid-size Commercial Properties as well as Mid to High End Residential projects ranging from 300 sq. ft. to 10,000+ square feet.
- Work including: on site measuring, documentation of existing conditions in drawing format, designing the

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building or addition/renovation, drafting preliminary design drawings, and completing all Construction Documents in compliance with the International Residential Code or Commercial Codes of New York State, as well as 2010 ADAAG and ANSI Accessible and Usable Building Facilities ICC A117.1-2009. Experience expediting projects with local building departments.

- **Wide Range of Commercial Design Work**, including designing large Fitness/Meditation Center in Town of Southampton, Day Care Center in an existing historic building in Head of the Harbor, Field House (Middle School Gym/Basketball court), "STEAM" - Science Technology, Engineering, Art & Math Center for private Middle School, and a Four story Mixed Use Bldg. in Port Jefferson, NY. Work included: analyzing building code to determine pertaining to local & federal rules. Presenting said designs to local Bldg. Divisions for approval, as well as producing Construction Documents, and reviewing that construction is conforming to Construction Documents.
- **Extensive Residential Design Work** over the years, from simple additions/renovations, to mid size and large scale construction.
- Proficiency in: **AutoCAD Architecture, Microsoft Office, Word, and Excel** as well as **E-Codes**, and **Microsoft Project**.
- Completed a **Project Management course** at **Stony Brook University's Project Management Institute**, and designs custom bathrooms and home renovations to assist those with medical challenges.

2000-2001      Searles, Stromski Associates, Architects, Planners, P.C.      Rocky Point, NY  
Architect/Draftsperson

- Wide range of Commercial projects, including: Fitting out existing Commercial Building to accommodate new 10,000 sq. ft. Tutor Time Day Care Center in Miller Place, NY, using Tutor Times' own design requirements/specifications, as well as ADAAG & local codes. Took preliminary plans and elevations and detailed them completely, including bathroom layouts and elevations, roof plans, interior finishing plans and details, sections, interior elevations, door and window schedules, reflected ceiling plans, creation of room finishing schedule, washroom plans (including handicapped requirements), cabinetry and built-in details, preliminary schematic Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing plans, as well as Fire Alarm Plan.
- Worked on many single family mid to high end residences from. Work included: on site measuring, drafting of existing conditions, and, with the help of the Principal Architect, took drawings from preliminary design through to construction documents.

1997-2000      Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Architects      NYC, NY  
Level "D" Architect- Technical Division

- Worked on multiple commercial projects in the Technical Dept. Work included: Technical coordination of ceiling areas in new Lester B. Pearson International Airport Terminal, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (\$1.2 billion project), performed design development into construction drawings, including Mechanical, Electrical and Structural coordination. Work also included being personally responsible for exterior airside elevations of Boston Logan Airport, Terminal E, in Boston, Mass.

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1996-1997

Smiros & Smiros Architects

Glen Cove, NY

## Architectural Draftsperson

- Assisted design team with all phases of Design Development and Construction Documents of high end Residential and Commercial projects. The work included: the renovation of the existing historical Commercial bldg. that housed the Smiros and Smiros architectural office in Glen Cove, NY, as well as that of a new \$3.4 million 8,000 sq. ft. Shingle Style Two Story Single Family Residence in Asharoken, NY.
- Worked with Associate Architect on a number of Shingle Style single family residence in Nassau County, NY.

Education: 1993-1994

Pratt Institute

Brooklyn, NY

- B. Arch Presidents List or Deans List all school terms.

1987-1992

University of Waterloo's School of Architecture

Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

- B.E.S. with honors (Bachelor of Environmental Studies - Pre-Professional Architecture)

## Interests:

- **Pro-bono architectural work** for local Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation center, Paws Unite People, in East Patchogue, NY, legalizing existing shell for Brookhaven Fire Marshall, Bldg. Dept, Planning Dept, as well as Suffolk County Health Dept. (drawing Plans, Sections, and Details to legalize existing bathroom utilizing ADAAG/ANSI guidelines. Work also included: submitting drawings for Planning Dept approval, FOILING existing Health Dept. documents, meeting with Suffolk County Health Dept. to determine what was needed for the project approval, then doing Fire Alarm system drawings with assistance of Fire Alarm Company, doing Change of Use application, submitting for Suffolk County Health Dept. approval for an animal shelter. Then working with Sanitary Engineer to determine sanitary requirements for this use, coordinating with sanitary engineer to inspect existing sanitary system to see non-compliance conditions, determining what was needed to comply with current Suffolk County Commercial Health Dept. Code.)
- Have been members of: the Port Jefferson Village Planning Board, as well as the Head of the Harbor Architectural Review Board.
- **Traveling** in Europe & North America (Toronto, Canada, Spain, Italy, France, with emphasis on Gaudi's work & AlHambra, etc.)

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