

Curriculum Vita

Of

STEPHEN MICHAEL COOK

General Building Contractor

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EDUCATION:

- Graduate study in Construction - Los Angeles Business College 1972
- Union Carpenter, Apprenticeship through Journeymen 1968-1982
- Continued education with hands-on experience in the construction field from 1968 to the present date, i.e., all phases of construction, from single family custom homes, multi-story apartment complexes, commercial buildings, to industrial buildings.
- Additional Courses completed - Moisture Control Solutions, March 16,2006 & Moisture Control and the Building Envelope II, August 3,2006

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE:

- 1982 – California General Contractor License # 431852
- C-43 – Sheet Metal License # 431852
- C-39 – Roofing License # 431852
- C-35 – Lathing and Plastering # 431852
- C-12 – Earthwork and Paving # 431852
- 2008 – Nevada General Contractor License #0070588

EXPERIENCE:

**41 years of Construction experience*

1967 – 1970

- Construction site waste management, hand excavation management, construction material management
- Estimating, blueprint takeoffs, material lists, cost lists, estimates

1970 – 1982

- Supervised construction of custom homes, apartment buildings, condominium complexes, industrial buildings; from remodeling to new construction

1982 - Present

- Owner/Builder – custom homes, flat lots/hillsides, room additions
- Water intrusion issues, the building envelope (i.e., foundations, decks, exterior/interior walls, roofs, windows, floors)
- Drainage issues involving flat lots and hillsides, foundations, retaining walls, concrete slabs hydrostatic pressure.
- Concrete foundation, settlement issues involving repairs and estimates, flat lots and hillsides.

- Earthquake damage repairs and estimates for property owners and insurance providers, Allstate Insurance Company, Farmers Insurance Group, TIG Insurance Company, State Farm Insurance Company, Mercury Insurance Company, Safeco Insurance Company, Travelers Insurance Company.
- Foundation systems, caissons, retaining walls, settlement issues relating to foundations.
- Remodeling, retro fit existing structures.

1992- Present

EXPERT WITNESS

- Creditable, strong, concise testimony in Mediation, Arbitration involving construction defect cases for Insurance Companies & Attorneys
- Consulting services for: Construction, document preparation, construction material lists, costs, Building codes analysis, site inspections.
- Common Construction industry standards of practice and its relationship with the California Building Codes.

INSURANCE COVERAGE:

- Errors & Omissions – LLOYD’S OF LONDON
- General Liability – LLOYD’S OF LONDON
- Workers Compensation – DELOS INSURANCE COMPANY

MEMBERSHIP:

- Los Angeles County Bar Association –Member # C1180014
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association - Associate Member
- California State Sheriffs Association – Member # 3790757
- California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation – Member # 4682
- California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation – Gold Membership – Member # GL0610
- The American Institute Of Architects - Member # AIA30148811
- ICC International Code Council-Member # 5219575
- National Roofing Contractors Association # 58111
- American Concrete Institute- Member # AMI 01089449
- Los Angeles Police Eagle & Badge Foundation
- Forensic Expert Witness Association– FEWA

PREVIOUS CLIENTS INCLUDE:

- Chandler Lumber Company
- Terry Lumber/ Stock Lumber
- Stock Lumber
- Home Lumber
- Individuals/Homeowners
- Construction Defect Attorneys
- Insurance Companies
- General Contractors
- Subcontractors
- Superior Court of Los Angeles