

Mr. Jenda Michl is a licensed architect with over 20 years of experience in design, construction, and architectural firm leadership. Now a Forensic Architect at ESi, his investigations identify whether, what, where, how, and most importantly, why a construction defect or disagreement occurred, along with how best to proceed. Law offices, owners, and insurers rely on his assessments, reports, opinions, and designs during all phases of design, construction, repair, and disputes.

Since joining ESi, Mr. Michl's investigations have included assessing wildfire, wind, water damage, construction defects, product specification, code analysis, standard of care, safety, and much more, on cases valued up to \$300M.

Prior to joining ESi, Mr. Michl founded and owned a firm for seven years, was a Design Principal for four years, directed an Architecture firm's LA office for three years, and worked for a General Contractor for three years. He cut his teeth as a designer at award-winning firms in Los Angeles, Boston, and Dallas, and framed houses in Colorado. A sampling of his project experience prior to ESi includes hospitality, museums, adaptive re-use, urban renewal, healthcare, offices, education, prefabrication, public works, multifamily, high end custom homes, and more. Mr. Michl has a particular interest in and talent for conceptual and schematic design, and has consulted as an advisor, manager, and representative for owners and developers for a wide variety of project sizes and types.

Mr. Michl is active in academics and professional organizations. He is an invited critic for design reviews at Architecture schools, chaired the 2x8 committee for the LA AIA, and is a member of both the AIA and LA's Bar Association. His design career led to a variety of publications, presentations, lectures, and teachings.

Education

MS, Architecture (Honors). University of Texas at Arlington. 2006
BA, Environmental Studies (Honors). Eckerd College, FL. 2002

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Areas of Specialization

- Cause & Origin Investigations
- Architectural Design & Evaluation
- Peer Review, Design Management
- Building Code Analysis & Regulatory Compliance
- Damage Assessments & Repair Solutions
- Building Envelope Investigations
- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Compliance and Design
- Expert Witness & Litigation Support
- Construction Disputes
- Construction Defect Investigations
- Standard of Care Analysis
- First Party Property Claims
- Prefab & Factory Built Construction
- Sustainable Design & Construction
- Slip, Trip, & Fall Investigation

Licenses & Certifications

- State of Washington Architecture License #25034645
 - Can be licensed in any US state or territory as necessary
- NCARB Certification #116598
- LEED AP since 2006, GBCI #0010040337

Languages

- English, Czech

Positions Held

Engineering Systems Inc., Irvine, California

- Sr. Consultant, 2024 – Present

Chelsea Design Group, Los Angeles, California

- Design Principal 2020 – 2023

AB Design Studio, Los Angeles, California

- Studio Director, Project Manager, 2016 – 2020

Vertu Studio Inc., Los Angeles, California

- Founder and Owner, 2009 – 2016

FEI Enterprises (General Contractor), Los Angeles, California

- Project Engineer, Leed AP, 2009 – 2012

Randall Stout Architects, Los Angeles, California

- Designer, 2008

Charles Rose Architects, Boston, Massachusetts

- Designer, 2008

Grant Studio Architects, Boston, Massachusetts

- Designer, 2007

Shipley Architects, Dallas, Texas

- Intern, 2005 – 2006

Presentations

- “Applications of Grasshopper + Galapagos, Evolutionary Iteration Design Modeling” – BIL Conference, 2015.
- “Past and Future of Architectural Technology” – Southern California Design Symposium, 2014.
- “Evolutionary Modeling in Architecture” – Mindshare LA Showcase, 2014.
- “Morphoecological Design” – BIL Conference, 2013.