JENDA (JOHN) A. MICHL, ASSOC. AIA, LEED AP
SENIOR CONSULTANT

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Mr. Jenda Michl is a Senior Consultant at Engineering Systems Inc. (ESi) in the Civil, Structural, and Environmental Practice. Mr. Michl brings 20 years of experience in architecture and construction to evaluate the performance and design of existing and proposed buildings and developments. Mr. Michl is well-versed in the assessment and resolution of construction and design problems, defects, and disputes. He serves clients by performing forensic analyses, repair expertise, expert witness, peer review, and other related services. His diverse experience equips him well to assist with nearly any construction or design issue. In addition, Mr. Michl's design expertise allows him to act as an owner's representative, in-house architect, and design manager, where he helps design teams deliver the best possible solutions and keeps owners informed and integrated over course of the design and construction process.

Areas of Specialization

Adaptive Re-Use	Historic Projects
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	Means and Methods Analysis
Building Code Analysis & Compliance	Owner's Representation
Building Envelope / Water Intrusion	Product Selection and Specification
Cause and Origin Investigations	Project Management
Construction Defect Investigations	Prefabricated / Factory Built Construction
Construction Disputes	Slip / Trip / Fall Investigations
Damage Assessments & Repair Solutions	Standard of Care Analysis
Design Review and Analysis / Peer review	Sustainability

Education

Master of Architecture, with Honors, University of Texas, Arlington, 2006
B.A., Environmental Studies – Policy, with Honors, Eckerd College, Florida, 2002

Licenses/Certifications

NCARB Record Number	……………………………129920
Legacy LEED AP, 2006 GBCI#	………………………0010040337
State of California	…………………………………….....In process

Professional Affiliations

American Institute of Architects (AIA) Associate member; committee chair in 2019

Previous Experience

Prior to joining ESi, Mr. Michl worked in client-serving architecture offices as a principal and firm owner with specialties in commercial projects, accessibility upgrades, entitlements, repairs, detailing, and concept design. Mr. Michl's experience stretches beyond the architecture sphere to include general contracting, owner's representation, development, master planning, retrofits, factory-built component integration, custom fabrication, event design and production, product and furniture design, exhibition design, teaching, fundraising, and founding a handyman service provider. He has been recognized by Tesla, the Architecture + Design Museum in Los Angeles, the American Institute of Architects National Convention, Dwell, and Architizer, as well as by other conferences, magazines, blogs, and publications.

Highlighted projects include leading the design of a mental hospital awarded a $19M grant by LA County, creating and leading a VR hackathon while chairing the LA AIA 2x8 committee to a record fundraising total, and having a project featured on the landing page of Dwell.com. He also worked on the construction of LA County's Topanga Library (LEED gold) and has produced drawings for countless built projects, including a dozen hotel ADA renovations and multiple VA medical clinics and homeless shelters.

Languages

Czech, Native Speaker

Positions Held

Chelsea Design Group, Los Angeles, CA
        Principal; 2020 – 2023
AB Design Studio, Los Angeles, CA
        Studio Director, Project Manager; 2016 – 2020
Vertu Studio, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
        Founder and Owner; 2008 – 2016
FEI Enterprises (General Contractor), Los Angeles, CA
        Project Engineer, LEED AP; 2009 – 2012
Randall Stout Architects, Los Angeles, CA
        Designer; 2008
Charles Rose Architects, Cambridge, MA
        Designer; 2008
Grant Studio Architects, Boston, MA
        Designer; 2007
Shipley Architects, Dallas, TX
        Designer; 2005-2006

Publications & Presentations

KCRW (NPR) DnA by Frances Anderton "5 things to do this week", 2015

"Unchained Reaction" - Discovery Channel, led winning team on episode 5, 2012

Dwell.com landing page main feature, August 2011

Interview by Dwell Magazine's Aaron Britt, June 2010

"Perfectly Imperfect" by Martin Price, PIIP Press, Page 233

"Taking the Plunge" LA Magazine, July 2013, Page 50

"Glass Awning" US Glass, Metal, and Glazing, feature article, July 2012, pp 48, 49

"The Glass Awning" Architects' Guide to Glass and Metal, February 2012, Page 8

"Featured Blogger" LA Times Brand X, 2010

"How to be Remarkable" by Colin Wright, 2010, guest author, pp 86

Featured on the "Making it Small" Blog's review of Dwell on Design, 2011

Video Interview and article by Auren Kaplan, "Championic", 2011

"Eco Luxury Designs: Three Designers You Should Know" Diamondgirlmedia 2011

Presentations & Lectures

"Evolutionary Solvers as an Architectural Design Tool," Peer reviewer, 2016 AIA National Convention

"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

Teachings

"How to Napkin Sketch," LA AIA, 2019

"Design Studio," substitute teacher for Jose Sanchez, USC School of Architecture, 2019

Design Reviews at USC, SCIarc, OTIS, Art Center College of Design, LATTC, Roger Williams University, Boston Architectural Center. 2008-2024

Architizer Design Clinic "Doctor" at Dwell on Design, 2010 and 2011

Exhibitions

Art Center College of Design

LA Fashion Week at Pedersen Automotive Museum

Unique LA

Tesla Showroom Santa Monica

Architecture + Design Museum

Helms Bakery

Emmy Suite, Luxe Hotel, Beverly Hills

BIL Conference

Terrell Moore Art Gallery

Bergamot Station, Building Bridges Gallery

GoGreen Expo

Opportunity Green Conference

Mindshare LA

Little Green

Product display rack in Whole Foods stores nationwide

Venice Biennale 2016 (declined invitation)

Global Art Affairs Foundation

15th International Architecture Exhibition

Los Angeles Awards (Architecture) 2015

Southern California Digital Symposium 2014

Brand X (LA Times) pop up gallery design, fabrication, and installation

"Launch LA 2010" by Architizer displayed three projects

"Member of the Month", MyArchN, February 2010