

JOHN R. SORRENTI, FAIA
JRS ARCHITECT, P.C., PRESIDENT



Licenses/Education

Registered Architect, State of Connecticut (1997)
Registered Architect, State of Pennsylvania (1997)
Registered Architect, State of New Jersey (1996)
Registered Architect, State of New York (1980)
Master of Business Administration, New York Institute of Technology (1978)
Master of Architecture, Ohio University (1974)
Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology, New York Institute of Technology (1972)

Professional Experience

John R. Sorrenti is the founder and president of JRS Architect, P.C. Since its inception in 1986, the firm continues to thrive and has received numerous design awards under his leadership. JRS has developed a design expertise in the corporate, education, financial, healthcare, hospitality, retail and residential markets with a strong emphasis on preservation. John is recognized as a pioneer of alternative project delivery methods and marketing strategies. In 2008, John received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the AIA Long Island Chapter.

Lobbying for legislative issues, Mr. Sorrenti has achieved a reputation for quality in leadership. Over the past twenty five years, he has held such positions as the President of the New York State AIA and Vice President of the National AIA. Currently, John serves as National Chair for AIA College of Fellows Regional Representatives. Appointed Chair of the NY State Education Board of Architecture, he is also Director on the National Board for NCARB (National Council of Architectural Registration Board). In addition, he was elected to serve on the National AIA College of Fellows Executive Committee as Bursar for 2013-2014.

In 1991 Mr. Sorrenti on behalf of the AIA helped to form the guidelines for the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.), and in 1993 assisted with the New York City ADA Code. As a result JRS Architect has successfully completed over 3,000 audits.

Mr. Sorrenti has also served on the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) committee for college accreditation programs and has performed reviews of his peers for the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).

With nearly forty years of experience, Mr. Sorrenti has covered the full spectrum of the design profession, designing many buildings from the ground up as well as numerous relocation and interior design projects. In 2001, he designed and constructed the firm's headquarters in Mineola, New York.

Mr. Sorrenti's work in historic preservation has spanned many years and includes projects with which he is involved as a Commissioner of Landmarks for the Town of North Hempstead, NY where he serves as Vice Chair. Associated with the Commission since 1997, Mr. Sorrenti has been involved with the direction of appropriateness of historic building use in design, material selections and code compliance. He was one of the lead Commissioners in the restoration of the Dutch Revival 1800's Draper Moore House in Roslyn Heights, which is now the Famed Roslyn Country Club. Mr. Sorrenti worked with the owner and his architect, to obtain the correct fenestration for the addition, roof proportions, exterior materials, lighting and exterior color to bring this once grand building back to life.

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Additionally, he has assisted other historic property owners investigate elements to determine original building materials. Realizing that the exact duplication of materials may not be possible for a variety of reasons, Mr. Sorrenti worked with the owners to come up with substitutes that do not mitigate the integrity of the preservation.

Mr. Sorrenti has also been involved with dozens of renovations and additions to the numerous homes in both the Port Washington Historic District and the Roslyn Heights Historic District. He also served as co-chair of the Town of North Hempstead Historic Preservations Guidelines committee which is writing the guidelines for both Historic Districts in the Town of North Hempstead which is incorporating within the guidelines a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Sorrenti has also worked with SPLIA, (Society Preservation of Long Island Antiquities) as co-chair for the AIA Long Island Tour Guide to Architecture, which has printed and sold over 5,000 copies of the book. He was instrumental in organizing and deciding along with SPLIA, which buildings would be included into the book.

Mr. Sorrenti has been responsible for several façade renovations and restorations for Chase Bank in NY, NJ and CT. Other noteworthy project work includes the ceiling restoration of 110 East 42nd Street, NY which is now Cipriani Restaurant and the Roslyn Bank Building in the Historic Town of Roslyn, NY.

Professional Affiliations

New York State Board of Architecture, State Education Department – Board Member since 2005
Chair – 2011- 2012
Vice Chair since - 2009
Review cases for NYS Office of Professional Discipline since - 2007
Committee on Design Build since - 2007

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) - Member since 2006
Governance Committee – 2012 - 2013
Committee on Education – 2011 - 2012
Director on National Board since - 2011
Chair of Region 2 - 2011
Vice Chair and Treasurer of Region 2 – 2008 - 2010
Committee on Professional Development – Chair 2008 - 2011

National AIA - Member since 1975
College of Fellowes Executive Committee – Bursar – 2013 - 2014
College of Fellows – National Chair for Regional Representation – 2008 - 2011
Fellows Regional Representative – 2002 - 2007
Vice President - 1997
College of Fellows since - 1996
National Advertising Committee – 1996 - 2001
Regional Director – 1994 - 1996
Co-Chairman, Political Action Committee - 1994

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New York State AIA - Member since 1975

President - 1992

Vice President - 1991

Chairman, Political Action Committee - 1992

Member of various task forces dealing with licensing, taxation & governmental affairs – 1990 -1992

Long Island Chapter AIA - Member since 1975

LI Chairperson AIA Archi Awards - 1997

President - 1989

Vice President - 1988

Other positions held: Treasurer; Head of Document Services; Co-Chairman Continuing Education;

Co-Chairman of the AIA Guide to LI Architecture; Program Chairman – 1982 -1988

Other Leadership Roles

Advisory Board, Building Long Island – since 2007

Greater New York Construction User Council - 2006

Town of N. Hempstead Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission – since 1997

NAAB College Accreditation Committee – since 1997

American Council of Consulting Engineers, Peer Review Committee – since 1992

International Facilities Management Association – 1996 - 2005

National Committee on Governmental Affairs – 1995 - 1996

American Society of Interior Designers – 1993 - 1997

New York Society of Architects - 1992

Advancement for Commerce and Industry – 1982 - 1997

Professional Award and Honors

2008 Lifetime Achievement Award, AIA Long Island Chapter

1995 DeGardio New York State AIA Award

1992 Who's Who in Interior Design

1986 Who's Who in the East