Michelle M. Malecha, Associate Principal, AIA | LEED BD+C | Licensed Architect (IL)

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A passionate and results-driven leader with extensive experience in collaborating on high-profile, award-winning, and complex projects across diverse market sectors with almost 20 years of experience. Skilled in overseeing all project phases, from budgeting and program development through to construction and project close-out, ensuring on-time, on-budget delivery to the highest standards of quality. Adept at leading teams and fostering collaboration to achieve creative and impactful results. Seeking to contribute to a dynamic team that values innovation, excellence, and teamwork.

KEY SKILLS

- > Project Management
- > Team Leadership & Mentorship
- > Strategic Planning
- > Construction Oversight
- > Stakeholder & Client Engagement
- > Cross-Discipline Team Collaboration
- > BIM [Building Information Modeling] Execution
- > Project Schedule & Budgeting

- > Building Codes & Regulation
- > Contract Negotiation & Management
- > Sustainable & Green Building Practices
- > Conflict Resolution & Critical Thinker

WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Principal

Lamar Johnson Collaborative, Culver City, CA & Chicago, Illinois | April 2019 to October 2024

- Strategic Planning & Industry Networking : Served as the West Coast Higher Education Market Leader leading project pursuits and market engagements. Helped develop long-term plans for firm success and growth within the market. Attended Conferences, met with potential Clients, Stakeholders, and Universities.
- Primary Project Roles: Market Leader, Senior Project Architect, and Project Manager.
- Project Innovation: Lead the First Hybrid Mass-Timber Building for LJC and Penn State. Designed embedding green, sustainable, LEED, and WELL Building standards to create High-Performance Buildings and spaces.
- Office Management: Participated in Office and Project staffing.
- Cross-Discipline Team Collaboration, Project Management, & Design Leadership: Work directly with Stakeholder, Consultants, and Construction teams to negotiate contracts, ensure project schedule, design intentions, and budget were met and successfully delivered.
- Building Codes & Regulation: Met with Authorities Having Jurisdiction, Third-Party Code Reviewers, and Fire Marshals. Reviewed projects to ensure design met and exceeded code requirements and guidelines.
- Team Leadership & Mentorship: Acted as a mentor to junior staff to help increase their engagement in projects and firm culture. Volunteered with ACE mentorship program.
- Design-Build Expertise: Worked on Design Build projects and at a firm that was uniquely structured to be a fully collaborative construction and architectural firm.

Prominent Projects:

- Broad Museum Expansion | Design Development Phase | Los Angeles, CA.
- Turf Sports Field and Roof Replacement, LA City College | Project Procurement & Initial Project Implementation | Los Angeles, CA.
- Bus Transportation Facility, Confidential Client | Initial Project Programming Project Completion | Moffet Field, CA.
- Engineering Design and Innovation Building, Penn State | Schematic Design Project Completion | State College, PA.
- Exterior Enclosure and Lobby Design, NAR Realtors | Schematic Design Project Completion | Chicago, IL.

Associate, Project Architect

Perkins+Will, Chicago, Illinois | July 2006 to January 2019

- Team Mentorship: Worked with the Intern Selection and Intern Mentor Team. Volunteered with ACE mentorship program.
- Primary Project Roles: Senior Project Architect
- Cross-Discipline Team Collaboration & Project Documentation: Working directly with the consultants and design team to coordinate, draw, and document the design.
- Building Codes & Regulation: Conducted Project Code Reports and design reviews.
- Diverse Portfolio: Worked in a variety of Market Sectors to establish a diverse portfolio.

Prominent Projects:

- Kohler Kitchen & Bath Global Headquarters | Kohler, WI.
- University of Chicago Medicine Cancer Center Project | Chicago, IL.
- Dubai Soccer Stadium | Dubai, UAE.
- Northwestern University Athletics Center and Fieldhouse | Evanston, IL.
- William Jones High School Renovation | Chicago, IL.
- Bank of Canada | Ottawa, Canada.

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WORK EXPERIENCE continued

Prominent Projects:

- Shipra Mixed-Use Development | Shipra, India.
- Shipra Tower Facade Study | Shipra, India.
- University of Chicago Hospital, Various Operation Rooms and Lobby Renovations| Chicago, IL.
- Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital | Boston, MA.
- Suzhou Mixed-Use Competition | Suzhou, China.
- Rush Hospital | Chicago, IL.
- Bank of America Office Headquarters | Charlotte, NC.
- United States Coast Guard Headquarters | Washington, DC.

Intern Architect

Hellmuth, Obata+Kassabaum Architects, St. Louis, Missouri Dougherty+Dougherty Architects, LLP, Costa Mesa, CA Kliment and Halsband Architects, New York, New York Cannon Architects, Raleigh, North Carolina

Freelance:

Blue Water Physical Therapy | Cardiff by the Sea, CA

- Full Architectural and Interior Design, Documentation, and Project Completion. Furniture Selection.

AnchorBlue Retail Stores Cash Wrap & Overall Interior Store Layout Design & Concept Sketches | Pilot Stores, CA

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

BIM: Revit, AutoCad Graphics: Adobe Creative Cloud (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop) Project Management: NewForma, Bluebeam, Deltek, Procore, E-Builder, Google Suite

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois Master of Architecture, Practice+Design Integration.

L'Ecole d'Architecture à Versailles. Study Abroad, Versailles, France

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies.