

**Inspector / Expert / Instructor  
Robert Blochinger**

IICRC register #42389

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Robert is from New York City.

He gained valuable experience working in the family construction business.

Robert moved to Florida to attend college.

While attending college, he worked in the hospitality industry, and for some years after college seasonally.

Robert started in the flooring industry in 1970c as a carpet cleaner and installer. His specialized in water loss restoration fire damage restoration work.

Robert served 22 years in the Florida Army National Guard. He retired 1992 with the rank of First Sargent.

Owner of Fashion Carpet, Inc. Workroom 1985 to 2013.

In the early 1980's he expanded his work into retail sales installations, servicing seventeen stores.

All types of flooring installation were done by his company.

In the 1990s his company once again expanded into the Architectural and Interior Design trade where he specialized in exclusive high quality floor products.

- Tufted and woven carpet
- CYP construction carpet
- Custom hand-tufted carpets and rugs
- Wood flooring, solid and engineered
- Aluminum tile
- Rubber
- Vinyl tile
- All types of specialty floors

Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Aircraft and Marine.

In 1990, Robert attended Southern Tech, GA carpet manufacturing for inspection training start sing his career as a flooring inspector.

In 2013 Robert once again expanded his career becoming a flooring consultant for all types of flooring.

His extensive hands-on experience, training and education has resulted in Robert becoming one of the nation's leading flooring experts.

- Construction concrete placement
- Water and fire loss restoration
- Insurance claim quote review adjustment
- Evaluations of floor covering product specification and installation
- Repair
- Cleaning
- Substrate preparations and evaluation prior to installation of products
- Concrete moisture testing customer service laboratory testing (sample shipped to certified laboratories)

He is uniquely qualified in floor covering forensic investigations

Attends numerous trade seminars through the year for continuing education, membership and relations with following organizations:

- IICRC (approved Instructor SSI)
- IICRC Shareholder Chair & BOD member 2019/22
- NICFI (President 2016/20)
- Floor Educational Guild
- FCICA BOD (1995/98)
- FCLC, Chairman 2017/19)
- ACI
- AFS
- NALFA
- WFCA
- FCITS
- ATF
- UBC (SME)
- INSTALL Program Contractor 2017/12
- DBPR of FL. IUPAT
- NFCAP BOD 2020/21
- NGAUS.

Robert has served on the board of directors of the:

- FCICA, Floor Covering Installation Contractors Association
- BMI, Building Managers International, Palm Beach County
- BOD
- BOD of NICFI, (President 2016/20) National Institute of Certified Flooring Inspectors
- FCLC (Floor Covering Leadership Council) Chairman 2017/19

Developed three classes for flooring professionals 1- or 2-hour classes:  
Understanding Carpet Specification  
Installation, and Maintenance  
Moisture Emission and Installed Floor Covering  
Hard Surface Maintenance.

Classes developed for the Design and Architect community, and property managers associations & companies for education enhancement.

Wrote numerous articles about floor covering issues.

Recognized as a SME, (subject matter expert), for the UBC national install program in Florida.

Robert is working in the capacity of expert witness and inspector/investigator to various law firms on negative floor covering issues such as Slip and Fall lawsuits.

Robert served on the Consensus Body for the IICRC, WFCA and CRI for S600 ANSI manual for carpet installation procedures and methods. He was the Chapter Chair (stretch-in over separate cushion).

Robert has travelled to domestic and international job sites in:

- New York
- Virginia
- Alabama
- Minnesota
- Florida
- Bahamas
- Mexico
- Antigua
- Caribbean Islands

Created, designed and, fabricated and manufactured entry mats with "Guy Harvey" artwork, under the license from Guy Harvey Inc. for five years.  
Interior area rugs and broadloom carpet for commercial use.

### **Education & Training for Certifications & EU**

#### Inspection of Floor Coverings

- 1990 Southern Tech College at Marietta, GA (carpet MFG, product defect inspection)
- 1999 Academy of Textiles & Flooring, Whittier, CA (carpet cleaning, installation & inspection)
- 2000 Academy Of Textiles & Flooring, Las Vegas, NV (hard surface flooring maintenance, resilient, VCT, ceramic tile, wood)
- 2000 Amtico Atlanta, GA (vinyl product installation, substrate preparation)
- 2000 Floor Covering Institute of Technical Services, Dalton, GA concrete moisture testing protocol (MVER testing)
- 2001 Advanced Floor Specialist, Auburn, CA (commercial carpet, laminate flooring)
- 2002 School of Surface technology, Chicago, IL (substrate analysis, concrete/wood, moisture vapor emission testing methods)
- 2002 Advanced Flooring Specialist, Bloomsburg, PA (woven carpet MFG & installation procedures)
- 2003 Toli Vinyl, Deerfield Beach, FL (product specification & installation)
- 2003 Mapei Products, Deerfield Bch, FL (floor prep, self-level, product specifying)
- 2004 Flooring Technology Institute, Chicago, IL (moisture in concrete & other

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*\*Consultation*

*\*Corrective Action Recommendation & Review*

*\*Cushion Spec*

*\*Expert Witness*

*\*Educational Seminars*    *\*Floor Preparation*    *\*Inspection Services & Site Review of Product Installation or Maintenance*

*\*Instruction Classes*    *\*Job-Site Management*    *\*Laboratory Testing*    *\*Legal Support Service*    *\*Maintenance Programs*

*\*Moisture Vapor Emission Testing of Concrete*    *\*Product Specification*    *\*Post Installation Report*    *\*Restoration Cleaning*

*\*Risk Management Consultation*    *\*Approved Provider DBPR of FL CEU*

*Memberships: \*AFS \*FCICA \*FCITS \*IICRC \*INSTALL \*NIFCI \*SEAK \*WFCA \*NGAUS*

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- 2005 SEAK, Inc. Falmouth, MA (expert witness, consultation, reports, depositions)
  - 2006 SEAK, Inc. Hyannis, MA (expert witness, reports, depositions, court testimony)
  - 2006 Advanced Floor Specialist, Greensboro, NC (MFG of laminate, wood, inspection, maintenance issues, MVER, substrate preparation)
  - 2007 Bridgeport Chemical, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (stone, marble, porcelain, masonry, ceramic tile, wood maintenance)
  - 2007 Everlast Chemical, Ft Lauderdale, FL (carpet cleaning systems & chemicals)
  
  - 2008 LGM & Associates, Dalton, GA (MVET concrete, causes, testing & remediation)
  - 2009 Advanced Flooring Specialist, Dalton, GA (SHAW commercial carpet MFG, installation and inspection)
  - 2010 Mohawk Ind.--Dal-Tile, Pompano Bch, FL (tile & stone; floor prep, installation)
  - 2011 Armstrong Industries, Jacksonville, FL (certification sheet goods installation)
  - 2011 American Concrete Institute, Tampa, FL (moisture vapor testing, concrete preparation for installation of moisture sensitive floor covering)
  - 2011 Mapei Deerfield Beach, FL (surface and substrate preparation and repair, tile & stone. and floor covering installation systems)
  - 2012 OSHA Ft Lauderdale, FL 10 training course by INSTALL Florida Carpenter Regional Council Union, training center
  - 2012 RYBOVICH WPB, FL OSHA: Environmental Compliance Marine Safety
  - 2012 IVC US Dalton, GA Mfg and install LVT flooring
  - 2012 Dalton, GA NICFI conference voted Vice President 2013/14
  - 2012 NICFI Dalton, GA wood flooring inspection procedure, installation & maintenance
  - 2012 INSTALL Las Vegas, NV National level installation training program review
  - 2013 Asbestos Awareness Course, Ft Lauderdale
  - 2013 NICFI Flooring product inspection update training
  - 2014 Inspector Symposium hard & soft products, report writing
  - 2014 FCICA continuing education conference
  - 2014 FCLC membership organizational meeting
  - 2015 Inspector Symposium Las Vegas NV concrete moisture issues with flooring
  - National Wood Flooring Association environmental effects on wood flooring

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Consulting & Forensic Service

S600 discussion on current status for ANSI designation

- 2015 Flooring Guild, Dalton GA concrete, wood substrates, resilient products, LVT, VCT, moisture testing and floor preparation, maintenance procedures
- 2015 NWFA St Louis MO wood flooring issues and characteristics, installation, maintenance, specification
- 2015 NALFA Las Vegas NV laminate flooring certification

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