

## CV for James A. DiLuigi, AIA, CSI

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President, Access-Ability Consultants, Inc (AAC)

Jim DiLuigi brings over 35 years of architectural practice and corporate experience to AAC, providing clients with an exceptional combination of professional, organizational, analytical, managerial, technical and negotiation skills.

### **Experience:**

In October 1991, Jim began to focus his career on providing accessibility consulting services and has since become a pre-eminent national consultant on architectural accessibility. Clientele to whom Jim has provided services include many well-known national corporations, as well as individuals and small property owners and operators. Jim is known for his roles in helping to negotiate win-win ADA lawsuit settlements, for crafting national class action settlements for corporations such as Shell, BP Amoco, and Bridgestone/Firestone, and for his ability to think-outside-the-box in creating solutions that are practical, effective and economical, and which enhance the experience of all of his client's customers. In January 2008, Jim established Access-Ability Consultants, Inc. a company that continues to provide his clients with the same high quality service they have received in past years.

In 1991, Jim helped establish Universal Designers & Consultants, where he served as Vice-President and CFO through 2007.

From 1979 to 1991, Jim held positions of increasing responsibility with the Marriott Corporation, where as Executive Director in the Architecture & Construction Division he played a pivotal role in putting nearly \$1 billion of construction in place annually. Jim was responsible for Marriott's design procedures, standards and criteria; design consultant selection database; product and installation specifications; and project quality assurance reviews for all lodging types. He was also responsible for the resolution of product performance and construction related problems; for coordinating design requirements with the corporate operations and legal departments; for establishing and maintaining relationships with building standards agencies, advocacy groups and building products manufactures; and for the investigation and recommendations for building components, supplier controls, and warranties.

Jim has contributed considerable time and professional expertise to the City of Takoma Park, the community in which he and his family have lived for over 35 years. He served for over 12 years as the sole chairman of the Maryland WSSC Bi-County Citizens Advisory Committee for Sligo Creek and has received a number of awards and recognition for completion of that work which resulted in enhancements to the community in the form of a hiker/biker trail, bridges and reforestation, while minimizing and controlling the negative impacts of heavy construction. Jim was elected to the Board of Directors of the Community Development Corporation, has served as Chairperson of the Facade Advisory Board for the City of Takoma, and is a Board Member of Historic Takoma Incorporated. He is also a trained community and disability dispute mediator, often serving voluntarily to help parties resolve differences.

Jim's involvement in accessible design dates back to the early 1970s where, as a project architect with Ellerbe Architects (later Ellerbe/Becket), a large national architectural/engineering firm, he was responsible for the design of a new community college in North Carolina - a state which at

that time had adopted the nation's first accessibility building code. As a representative of Marriott and the AH&LA, he was a major contributor to the development of the book Design for Hospitality: Planning for Accessible Hotels and Motels which was published in 1988 by the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Jim testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1989 as the primary hospitality industry spokesman when the ADA was under deliberation. In 1990, on behalf of Marriott, Jim received a national accessibility award presented by Jim Brady, past Press Secretary to President Ronald Reagan. Jim has made public presentations on the ADA at both the American Institute of Architects and American Bar Association national conventions and continues to work with federal agencies, national model building code organizations, advocacy groups and the AH&LA in the evolution of accessibility regulations and the understanding of their application.

**Education:**

Bachelor of Architecture – Cum Laude; 1968 – Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

**Professional Status:**

Registered Architect - State of Maryland, No. 3103

Professional Affiliations:

American Institute of Architects (AIA) - Washington DC Chapter

National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)

Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)

American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA)

**Publications:**

How to Choose an Accessibility Consultant

Universal Design Newsletter – (Quarterly) (Consulting Editor 1992 - 2007)

## **Employment History**

2008	Founded Access-Ability Consultants, Inc., Takoma Park, MD
1991 to 2007	Universal Designers & Consultants, Inc, Takoma Park, MD
1979 to 1991	Marriott Corporation; Bethesda MD
1977 to 1979	Yerkes, Pappas & Parker; Washington, DC
1974 to 1977	Ellerbe Architects; Washington, DC
1973 to 1974	Duane & Duane; Kensington, MD
1970 to 1973	William M. O'Neil, AIA; Silver Spring, MD
1968 to 1970	US Army; Cameron Station, VA