

## **The Role of the Licensed Architect of the Future**

As the world around us has evolved, architecture has been coerced into speed over design. The licensed Architect needs to reverse this trend.

An architect is the key to the reemergence of placing value in design, quality, and sustainability. Advances in building science and materials empower the Architect to entice the client with environmentally friendly options that are cost effective and robust. Additionally, the Architect has continually advancing design tools and techniques that need to be used not only to make another deadline, but to lead clients towards more efficient, coherent, and integrated designs.

I believe that collaboration is critical in addressing the complexities of truly integrated design, and not just interdisciplinary sharing, but cooperation among architects and designers with varying backgrounds and experiences. As a design community, we need to secure the time to analyze each project as a set of problems and solutions and not another set of standard details. We need to show society that alternative solutions are available; that works of architecture can still be produced.

Architects have an inherent passion for what they do. That passion needs to drive an architect to focus on the greater good and strive to create advancements in style, durability, and efficiency. Each licensed individual needs to review the ideal of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of people always, and not be shortsighted thinking only of people today. The sustainability of our work depends on realizing the whole picture for the generations to come.

The Architect that understands that he can change his practice and push the limits of design, quality, and sustainability in his approach will be the model licensed Architect of the Future.