

# AIA San Diego's June 2011: ADA & Disability Access Seminar

If you haven't received your reminder letter yet from the **California Architects Board (CAB)** about the new California Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE) requirement—you probably will soon!

Passed in late 2008 and effective July 1, 2009, ALL California architects must now complete 5 hours of disabled access education as a condition of license renewal.

No worries...  
AIA San Diego has got you covered!



**DATE:** Friday, June 17, 2011

**TIME:** 8:30am – 3:00pm

**EARN:** **5.0 AIA HSW/ADA LUs**  
PLUS, completed documentation for CA 2011 license renewal

**LOCATION:** **AGC San Diego**  
6212 Ferris Square  
San Diego CA 92121

## PRESENTERS:

**Paul A. Joelson, AIA, CASp, CSI**, Principal of Joelson Vail Associates, licensed architect, general contractor and certified building inspector.

**Laurence Weinstein**, President of Shared Solutions America, ADA product and architectural designer, contractor/builder, writer and educator.

**Corina Wilkes, CASp**, Senior Accessibility Specialist at Jeff Katz Architecture, ICBO Certified Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner and member of the National Association of ADA Coordinators.

## SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

8:15am **CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION** (*bring your own coffee!*)

8:30 – 10:00am **Universal Design for Today's Architect**  
Laurence Weinstein  
1.5 HSW/ADA LU

10:00 – 10:15am **BREAK**

10:15 – 11:45am **PART 1 - Top 10 ADA Infractions: How to avoid getting sued**  
Paul A. Joelson, AIA, CASp, CSI  
2.0 HSW/ADA LU

12:00 – 12:30pm **LUNCH** (*provided*)

12:45 – 1:45pm **PART 2 - Top 10 ADA Infractions: How to avoid getting sued: New Case Studies**

1:45 – 2:00pm **BREAK**

2:00 – 3:00pm **Accessibility & Architecture: Design today, comply tomorrow**  
Corina Wilkes, CASp  
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## Universal Design for Today's Architect

As a professional architect, the real purpose of incorporating ADA and disability access in architecture is about changing lives for the better. It is about designing working, playing, and living environments "barrier-free", to help empower people of all ages, and levels of ability, to achieve maximum **independence** in the performance of daily living tasks and activities. Gain invaluable tools on implementing universal design into all your projects and the keys to adapting design to the real needs of people...rather than people adapting to poor design.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Discover the financial benefits of incorporating universal design into your firm's services.
2. Illustrate the need for comprehensive universal design in the US by listing current statistics of people living with disabilities.
3. Examine specific design features and modifications for disabled independence outside and inside a home/building.
4. Specify non-toxic materials and products in the home/building design to prevent "sick homes."
5. Explore universal design best practices for lighting, kitchens, and various rooms in a home.

**Laurence Weinstein**, ADA product and architectural designer, contractor/builder, ADA and Universal Design (UD) writer and educator. Over four decades of successful professional experience since 1965, Weinstein was the President of DBS Corporation from 1965-1999, and as a disabled vet himself was an AARP Consultant and ADA and UD developer and coordinator for the AARP National Events Livable Homes Housing Pavilion since 2002 due to his personal experience with accessibility. He is currently the President of Shared Solutions America, a national non-profit (501c3) organization and Technology Resource Center founded in 1999, which is dedicated to the design and development of universal and ADA accessible living environments, products, and innovative technologies that help maximize daily independent, enjoyable, very energy-efficient and safe living for age 50+ adults, and people of all ages with disabilities. Education: Pratt Institute, Industrial & Architectural Design, Taught Commercial Interior Design & Lighting for ADA, UC Berkley, Continuing Education Program. Recipient of numerous awards for excellence in ADA and UD product, building, furniture, lighting, and interior design. Numerous projects through the years focused on extensive design and building of accessible (ADA), energy efficient living and working environments (UD), including those for seniors and people of all ages with disabilities

## Top 10 ADA Infractions: How to avoid getting sued

Want to avoid getting sued? At the completion of this program, participants will be able to: list the top 10 ADA infractions in architecture and ways to avoid them when designing in California; demonstrate the importance of proper signage, ramps, barriers and other access areas as it relates to ADA and current building codes; discuss specific examples of the top 10 from past cases with photos, selected field sketches and building code diagrams; and examine real-life examples of complaints filed with exact references and language to prepare architects for avoiding lawsuits.

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**Paul A. Joelson, AIA, CSI, CASp**, a licensed architect, certified access specialist, general contractor and certified building inspector, Joelson has specialized in the reconstruction design and management, ADA compliance assessments and quality control consulting during a 37 year career. Over the last 15 years, he has provided consulting and expert services on the following issues- distressed properties in litigation; disputes over architect, developer, builder and subcontractor performance; repair plans with cost estimates and management to implement reconstruction programs. Joelson holds a bachelor of architecture from San Diego's NewSchool of Architecture and Design and is a member of AIA San Diego, Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), and Forensic Consultants Association- San Diego (FCA).

## Accessibility and Architecture: Design today, comply tomorrow

Learn the latest accessibility regulations and code updates to keep your designs compliant with ADA, CBC and the new ADA/ABA proposed guidelines. Recognize common design errors and leave this program with real-life design solutions to have your projects up-to-date with all the codes.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Summarize the ADA Certification of the Building Code.
2. Discover significant changes to accessibility regulations in the 2007 update of the California Building Code.
3. Compare ADAAG vs. CBC in regards to tolerances and stringent areas of the code.
4. Recognize common errors in design and discuss solutions to overcome them.

**Corina Wilkes, CASp**, is the Senior Accessibility Specialist at Jeff Katz Architecture. Ms. Wilkes has completed many transition plans, plan reviews, code review and compliance surveys; with specific attention to ADA, ANSI, FHA, ICC and California Title 24 code compliance. Compliance surveys have included a number of project types, including restaurant chains, medical care facilities, residential communities, commercial, and retail buildings. Ms. Wilkes has specific experience with accessibility plan reviews, consulting, surveys, design, inspections and compliance plan documentation including barrier removal consulting and corrective action plans. She is an ICBO Certified Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner, a California Certified Accessibility Specialist, a member of the National Association of ADA Coordinators and is currently working on her certification in Texas. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, San Diego.