

KEVAN DEGRYSE

AIA, MBA / LICENSED ARCHITECT

Good ideas have to work
in the real world.

Licensed Architect with 10+ years of experience leading workplace, commercial, hospitality, mixed-use, and interior architecture projects from programming through construction administration. Combines strong design thinking with technical expertise in interior detailing, materials, specifications, consultant coordination, and client leadership.

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LICENSED ARCHITECT

COLORADO
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NEW MEXICO
#7078

SELECTED MARKETS

Workplace Interiors · Commercial Office · Hospitality ·
Restaurant + Retail · Mixed-Use · Multifamily · Civic ·
Adaptive Reuse · Science + Technology

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

Architectural Project Management · Budget, Schedule + Work Planning ·
Client, Consultant + Contractor Coordination · Staffing + Resource
Planning · Proposal Development + Contract Negotiation · QA/QC +
Technical Documentation · Codes, Accessibility + Life Safety ·
Construction Administration · Revit/BIM Leadership · Staff Mentorship ·
Interior Architecture, Space Planning + FF&E

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROJECT LEADERSHIP

Architecture + interior design projects from programming
through construction.

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

Huitt-Zollars — Albuquerque, NM
2025–2026

- Synthesized research, operational requirements, program goals, and code constraints into a coordinated 13,000 SF building plan for a \$25M animal shelter, helping restore project momentum.
- Coordinated architectural project delivery through staffing planning, project performance tracking, internal coordination, documentation review, QA/QC, and client-facing communication.
- Developed and maintained a weekly staffing plan to align project needs, available resources, deadlines, team assignments, and delivery priorities.
- Led project performance audits using a traffic-light scoring system to identify budget, staffing, schedule, and delivery risks across active projects; presented findings and recovery priorities to office and corporate leadership.
- Performed QA/QC reviews to improve drawing consistency, consultant coordination, and permit readiness.
- Conducted client meetings to review design development, plan coordination, technical direction, program needs, schedule priorities, and documentation expectations.
- Supported project management for the \$210 million Carlsbad High School project, contributing to staffing, budgeting, schedule management, documentation review, and QA/QC.

SENIOR PROJECT ARCHITECT

G Squared Design — Denver, CO
2021–2024

- Managed up to seven concurrent laboratory, clean room, office, renovation, and infrastructure projects across a multi-building corporate campus, leading delivery from proposal through construction.
- Served as the primary liaison among clients, consultants, contractors, and internal teams, managing consultant deliverables, permit responses, schedules, budgets, construction-phase communication, and technical issue resolution.
- Transformed a stalled project into a buildable solution by developing a cost-effective code strategy and working directly with consultants and the AHJ to secure approvals. Helped recover an important client relationship, leading to multiple projects across three locations.
- Participated in proposal writing, contract negotiation, and the bid process, including contractor selection and evaluation.
- Designed multiple public-facing interior architecture projects at the Colorado Convention Center, including a major restroom renovation, office suites, and ticketing facilities from concept through construction.
- Reviewed, redlined, and coordinated construction documents to improve constructability, accessibility compliance, life-safety coordination, zoning compliance, and drawing quality.
- Led multidisciplinary teams while mentoring junior staff, coordinating consultants, presenting design solutions, and maintaining design quality throughout project delivery.
- Improved drawing consistency by updating the firm's Revit templates and BIM standards.

EXPERIENCE CONTINUED.

PROJECT ARCHITECTURE · DOCUMENTATION · INTERIORS · CLIENT
LEADERSHIP

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PROJECT ARCHITECT

Frontline Design — Denver, CO | 2024–2025

- Led workplace, restaurant, and commercial interior tenant improvement projects through programming, design development, construction documentation, permitting, construction administration, and closeout while balancing design quality, budgets, schedules, and client goals.
- Developed project specifications while coordinating with clients, consultants, and designers to select materials, finishes, FF&E, and building components that supported both design intent and project budgets.
- Reviewed, redlined, and quality-controlled architectural drawing sets to maintain accuracy, consistency, constructability, and project standards.
- Supported project execution through Revit production, team coordination, document review, consultant communication, and technical problem-solving.
- Incorporated client priorities, consultant input, and code requirements into coordinated permit sets.

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JOB CAPTAIN

OKW — Chicago, IL | 2019–2020

- Served as lead for a complex VIP project, overseeing project from construction documentation through completion. Represented the firm at weekly client meetings, site visits, and construction administration.
- Developed concept drawings and proposals for facade changes to the former Barneys building in Chicago, gaining approval from client and city officials.
- Collaborated on all phases of construction—including documentation, HVAC design, programming, and demolition—for the renovation of an iconic high-rise building.
- Created 3D renderings of design changes, fostered team collaboration, and drove workflow efficiency by drawing on technical tools, such as Revit, AutoCAD, Bluebeam, Enscape, Photoshop, Excel, and Teams.
- Managed consultant deliverables, city submittals, and reviewer comments to keep projects on schedule.
- Developed Lease Outline Drawing (LOD) calculation tools for Revit, cutting the need to double-check addition errors and saving an hour on each LOD issued.

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

10+ REPEAT COMMISSIONS

A long-term client relationship spanning offices in Chicago and Los Angeles.

OWNER / DESIGNER — CONCURRENT INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Incredible Environments — Chicago, IL | 2012–2018

- Led interior architecture and design services for residential and commercial projects, including programming, space planning, material selection, finish palettes, millwork coordination, furnishings, and construction administration.
- Established and managed a residential and commercial interior design business, overseeing full project lifecycles from proposals through construction.
- Guided clients from concept through installation, leading presentations, consultant coordination, budgeting, scheduling, vendor relationships, contractor coordination, and project management.
- Delivered projects with budgets up to \$500,000, with commitment to schedule, design intent, functionality, cost control, and constructability.
- Facilitated new business opportunities, pivoting from residential to commercial interior design.
- Developed a lasting partnership with Larry Organ and Exact Data, completing 10+ repeat projects through ongoing client trust, repeat commissions, and successful project delivery.

ARCHITECTURAL INTERN

bKL — Chicago, IL | 2016–2018

- Contributed to programming, space planning, materials research, finish selection, furniture coordination, lighting layouts, and construction documentation for multifamily interior renovations.
- Produced still and video renderings used to present proposed condominium lobby and corridor renovations to boards and residents.
- Developed detailed interior design documentation, including lighting layouts, furniture plans, and finish selections.
- Prepared construction document sets and Revit models from CAD backgrounds and field measurements.

EDUCATION + CERTIFICATIONS

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE / INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 2019

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 2019

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
Florence School of Design, Florence, Italy, 2015

MBA — University of Denver, 2010
BS IN MANAGEMENT — University of Colorado, 2008

SOFTWARE

Revit · Adobe Photoshop · Adobe InDesign · Adobe Illustrator · Enscape · SketchUp · Rhino · Bluebeam · Autodesk Construction Cloud · BIM 360 · Microsoft Office

ORGANIZATIONS + VOLUNTEER WORK

AIA · ASID · USGBC (LEED candidate) · NOMA · NCARB / Rebuilding Together · Meals on Wheels America · Rainbow Alley · IIDA Stitch · Swedish Medical Center