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Architect

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Bio

Architect with 11 years of experience across civic, residential, and commercial projects, driven by a passion for housing innovation and sustainable design. Proven success in leading multidisciplinary teams, navigating complex permitting processes, and delivering efficient, buildable solutions that balance beauty, function, and community impact.

Skills

Leadership · Collaboration · Codes & Regulations Research · Revit · Lumion · Photoshop · Illustrator · InDesign · Rhino · SketchUp

Experience

Freelance Architect / Owner

Mar 2025 - Present

Delivering residential, commercial, and civic projects with efficient design, streamlined coordination, and client-focused solutions as an independent architect and consultant.

KMB Architects / Project Architect

Mar 2024 - Mar 2025, Olympia, WA

Project architect for a \$20M civic development, leading design coordination, documentation, and delivery while maintaining client relationships and design integrity.

TransArc Design / Partner | Architect

Dec 2017 - PRESENT, Asheville NC | Bellingham, WA

Founded and grew a successful architecture practice from a solo operation into a firm managing 20+ projects annually.

Achieved profitability within two years

Led multidisciplinary teams for residential, commercial, and public projects

DLR Group / Architectural Designer

June 2014 - Dec 2017, Seattle

May 2013-June 2014, Phoenix | Tucson, AZ

Advanced from intern to project lead in three years.

Produced detailed construction documents for large-scale public projects

Collaborated closely with design consultants and contractors

Supported all project phases from concept through construction

Education

University of Arizona / Bachelor's of Architecture

Aug 2009 - May 2014, Tucson AZ