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## Objective

To work to my fullest potential in all phases of the architectural profession.

## Work experience

### **Daroff Design**

Philadelphia, PA

April 2011 to Present

#### **Project Manager, Project Architect, Designer, Production**

- The Market @ the Comcast Technology Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Ralph's @ the Comcast Tower, Philadelphia, PA
- La Colombe @ the Comcast Tower, Philadelphia, PA
- Various Executive/Corporate projects for Comcast, Philadelphia, PA
- Various Executive/Corporate projects for NBC Universal, NYC
- Lincoln Financial Field Clubs/F&B renovation, Philadelphia, PA
- Loews Hotel Lobby and Suites renovation, Philadelphia, PA
- St. Regis Hotel Guest Room/Suites renovation, Atlanta, GA
- St. Regis Hotel "Empire" Presidential Suite renovation, Atlanta, GA
- St. Regis Hotel Spa Renovation, Atlanta, GA
- St. Regis Hotel "Maisonette" Event Space, Atlanta, GA
- Universal Studio's Cabana Bay Beach Resort, Orlando, FL
- Universal Studio's Grand Hotel, Beijing, China
- Mohegan Sun's Earth Tower Hotel, Uncasville, CT
- Marriott Hotel, Shijazhuang, China
- MGM National Harbor Spa + Salon, Oxon Hill, MD
- Frontera Cocina, Disney Springs, FL
- Paddlefish Restaurant, Disney Springs, FL
- Meadows/MACRO Showroom, NYC
- Member in varied capacities on other hospitality, corporate, workplace, retail and entertainment design and production teams

### **Arch. Consultant**

Abington, PA

Nov. 2008 to April 2011

#### **Production**

- James Necker Architects, Willow Grove, PA
- Daroff Design, Philadelphia, PA

**spg3 Architects**

Philadelphia, PA

Jan. 2002 to Nov. 2008

**Project Manager, Project Architect, Designer, Production**

- Showcase Live!, Patriot Place, Foxboro, Massachusetts
- Studio3, Patriot Place, Foxboro, Massachusetts
- Lux Level Lounge, Patriot Place, Foxboro, Massachusetts
- Red Square, The Quarter at the Tropicana, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- Watermark Lounge, Asbury Park, New Jersey
- Opus Entertainment, Palisades Center, West Nyack, New York
- Joli Spa, Colonie Center, Albany, New York
- 'X' Games Skatepark, Franklin Mills, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Spy Shop, The Quarter at the Tropicana, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- Ann Taylor Loft, 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Ann Taylor Loft, Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Ann Taylor Loft Stores, 25+ stores located nationally!
- Member in varied capacities on other design and production teams

**Daroff Design**

Philadelphia, PA

Dec. 1997 to Jan. 2002

**Associate, Project Manager, Project Architect, Designer, Production**

- Rainforest Café Flagship, Downtown Disney, Anaheim, California
- Rainforest Café Icon, Opry Mills Mall, Nashville, Tennessee
- Rainforest Café, West Farms Mall, West Hartford, Connecticut
- Rainforest Café, Towson Town Center, Towson, Maryland
- Rainforest Café, Franklin Mills, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Sci-Store at The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Philadelphia Airport Terminal A, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Philadelphia Airport Terminal F, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Member in varied capacities on other design and production teams

**Charles E. Broudy**

Philadelphia, PA

Nov. 1989 to Dec. 1997

**Project Manager, Project Architect, Production, Designer**

- 60+ Ann Taylor Stores completed in a single year!
- Ann Taylor Stores, Gap Stores, Episode Stores located nationally
- Café at JFK Library, Boston, Massachusetts
- Downstairs at the Bellevue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Petro Canada, Edmonton, Alberta
- Member in varied capacities on other design and production teams

**Klett Organization**      Jenkintown, PA      April 1989 to Nov. 1989  
**Production, Designer**

- Spring Mill Manor, Ivyland, Pennsylvania
- Various Health Care and Nursing Facilities in Pennsylvania
- Member in varied capacities on other design and production teams

**Brand + Allen**      Houston, TX      Nov. 1987 to Dec. 1988  
**Project Architect, Production, Designer, Design Assistant**

- Coach Leatherware, Houston, Dallas, Chicago, Washington, San Francisco, Indianapolis
- Berk of Burlington, Boston, Massachusetts
- Berk of Burlington, The Galleria, Houston, Texas
- Andre Courreges, Saks Center, Houston, Texas
- Member in varied capacities on other design and production teams for Tiffany, Gucci, Henri Bendel, Liz Claiborne, Disney, Tie Rack

**HRH Architects**      Houston, TX      July 1984 to Nov. 1987  
**Project Assistant, Production, Designer, Design Assistant**

- Various grocery retail projects for Safeway, Kroger and Fiesta
- Various commercial retail and lifestyle centers
- Various commercial retail and lifestyle center renovations
- Member in varied capacities on other design and production teams

**Tom Vallee Associates**      Houston, TX      June 1983 to July 1984  
**Project Assistant, Production, Designer, Design Assistant**

- Various townhouse projects
- Various residential projects
- Member in varied capacities on other design and production teams

**Richard Fitzgerald Partners**      Houston, TX      Jan. 1982 to June 1983  
**Project Assistant, Production, Designer, Design Assistant**

- Various mid rise office projects
- Various office service centers
- Member in varied capacities on other design and production teams

## Related abilities and skillsets

- Ability to work integrally with design teams, welcome challenging design intents and progress a project through design, design development, construction documentation and construction, all while maintaining the original design intent. *“If it wants to be a feather, it won’t become a brick”*
- Client contact, consultant and contractor coordination
- Ability to train/mentor younger staff to develop their skillsets and assist their progression in a firm and to maintain firm quality control and assurance
- Developed and maintained master detail and construction documentation formats for firm quality control and assurance
- Special knowledge of hospitality, hotel, workplace, bar and food service features
- Special knowledge of specialty retail, retail, roll-out retail and merchandising components
- Special knowledge of millwork and related hardware
- Special knowledge of hospitality, retail and theatrical lighting
- Special knowledge of “themed” and “specialty” features
- Ability to coordinate MEP and “specialty” features with the architectural design
- Ability to coordinate millwork with the architectural design
- Sensitive to roll-out retail client requirements and project timing
- Over 25 years AutoCAD and 2 years Revit experience
- Diligence, accuracy and attention to detail
- Photography

## Education

- Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School Kingston, PA
- Luzerne County Community College Nanticoke, PA
- Associate Degree in Architectural Engineering Technology
- University Of Houston Houston, TX
- 4<sup>th</sup> year Honors Studio
  - Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

## Community activities

Support of Girl Scouts of America, Philadelphia Meals on Wheels, Toys For Tots and the Susan G. Komen Foundation

## Interests and activities

Officer in PhillyMINI Car Club, photography, skiing

## References

**Karen Daroff**, Daroff Design, 215.636.9900, KD@daroffdesign.com

**Sven Schroeter**, KSS Architects, 215.320.3000, sschroeter@kssarchitects.com

Additional references are available upon request



September 4, 2019

Re: Joe Montante

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in reference to Joseph L Montante. I have known and worked directly with Joe for the last several years on a very intense 5-Star hotel rooms and corridors renovation.

Joe's firm handled the design and Joe was the Senior Project Architect responsible for developing the design into a set of documents that were permittable and buildable. Joe's knowledge of buildings and systems is very strong. And his attention to detail is as good as any architect I have worked with in the past 50 years.

Among other attributes, he is a team player, and while he is very easy to work with and fun to be around, he is no push over. Joe represents his company and their client with integrity and honesty; he does not back down from what he knows is right. He is truthful, forward thinking, works hard and delivers on time. Joe is not one to cast blame; instead, he looks for solutions to the inevitable problems that come with renovation and constantly pushes the result to the level of quality expected by the client.

I recommend Joe Montante for a position of Senior Project Architect for interior design teams or building design teams.

If you would like additional information, you can reach me by phone at (407) 230-5099 or by e-mail at [robertw@pmainc.com](mailto:robertw@pmainc.com).

Very Sincerely,  
Project Management Advisors, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. G. Wilson Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

Robert G Wilson Jr.,  
Vice President

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August 20, 2002

Mr. Irv Shapiro  
Shapiro Petruskas Gelber  
1321 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Irv:

We had the recent experience of once again working with your firm at the ESPN SkatePark at Franklin Mills. It has always been a pleasure working with SPG and feel that you consistently employ qualified competent personnel and this project was no different.

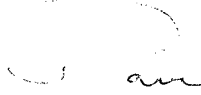
We understand that the Project Architect- Joe Montante is relatively new to SPG. If it has not already become apparent what a beneficial addition to your staff he is, it will not take long if he continues performing and representing SPG in the manner that he did on our project.

This was a super fast track project that went from start of foundations to opening in six weeks. Without Joe's can-do mindset, cooperation and teamwork approach it would not have been successful. Not only does he have a great attitude and dedication to the project but he also had the experience and knowledge to provide logical, timely and practical solutions to the daily problems that were encountered.

We are quite sure that he will have a long a prosperous career with SPG and look forward to working with him and Shapiro Petruskas Gelber in the future.

Very truly yours,

THE WHITING-TURNER CONTRACTING COMPANY

  
David W. Meyers  
Vice President

CC: Pete Davis- TMC, Jeff Baxter W-T, Mike Confer W-T

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**From:** Kent Lessly  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2000 9:01 AM  
**To:** Karen Daroff  
**Cc:** Joseph Montante  
**Subject:** FW: Joe Montante

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kurt Hagen [SMTP:KHagen@rainforestcafe.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 06, 2000 6:45 PM  
**To:** 'kentl@daroffdesign.com'  
**Cc:** 'karend@daroffdesign.com'  
**Subject:** Joe Montante

Kent, I want to express what an outstanding job Joe Montante is doing on Anaheim. I appreciate the hard work and long hours this job has required. A lot of architects would have burned out by now given the pace we are on and the problems we have had. In spite of the many challenges we have encountered, Joe has kept his positive "can do" attitude and never gives up. I also really appreciate the fact that Joe chooses to spend his time solving problems rather than finding blame.

I want you to know that despite my initial reservations about switching horses after Carl left, I believe we are now better off for the change and I am happy to have Joe on the Anaheim team.

Kurt