



BLASE WEIMER AIA

Curriculum Vitae

Education

- Bachelor of Architecture cum laude – 1982 - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Continuing Education Seminars – On going
- LEED AP Certification - 2009

Training/Certificates

- NJ Registered Architect 1986 AI 09595
- NJ Professional Planner 1988 LI 03900
- NJ Certified Interior Designer 2007 211D00021300
- LEED AP 2009

Skills

- Programming
- Schematic Flow Diagrams
- Existing Facility Surveys
- Marketing Studies
- Economic Feasibility Studies
- Site Analysis and Selection
- Site Development Planning
- Processing Grant Applications
- Zoning Processing Assistance
- Conceptual / Preliminary Design
- Construction Documentation
- Specification Writing
- Owner's Representative
- Interior Design
- Material's Research
- Bidding and Contract Negotiation
- Analysis of Alternates/Substitutions
- Review of Submittals
- Construction Observation Services
- Review of Payment Applications
- Project Representation
- Testing/Inspection Administration
- Quotation Request/Change Orders
- Contract Cost Accounting
- FF&E Selection
- FF&E Installation Administration
- Interpretations and Decisions
- Project Closeout
- Record Drawings
- Warranty Review
- Post Contract Evaluation
- Constructability Review
- Total Building Commissioning
- Expert Witness Report/Testimony
- Adaptive Reuse Analysis
- Tenant Related Services
- Graphic Design Services
- Demolition Services
- Quantity Surveys
- Project Promotion/Public Relations
- Leasing Brochures
- Forensic Investigation
- Detailed Cost Estimates
- Life Cycle Cost Analysis
- Value Engineering
- Construction Contract Administration & Management

Experience Summary

Principal and sole owner of The Architects Alliance since 1995. Managing partner of both predecessors to The Architects Alliance since 1988; with each partnership closing upon the demise of one of the founding partners. As a result The Architects Alliance has claim to seven decades of continual professional practice in Newark since 1940.

With minimal staffing The Architects Alliance generally manages 15 to 20 projects annually and is typically responsible for active projects with an estimated twenty to fifty million dollars in construction value. Active projects generally include planning studies, grant applications, preliminary or conceptual design studies, construction drawings and specifications, construction administration services, and expert witness reports/testimony.



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A significant concentration of our work is based on investigation and reporting; including the development of project scopes, forensic investigation, developing budgets, applying for funding and grants, forecasting and long range planning, and of course routine architectural services with a primary focus on renovation work. The greater percentage of our work is based in the public sector predominately focused on K-12 educational projects, with other public work including municipal government buildings, state office renovations, and public housing. Among our private client base projects include retail development, automobile dealerships, corporate tenant fit-out, industrial design, secular houses of worship, and privately run daycare centers.

Recent Projects Involving Construction Administration

- **Student Center – Newark Public Schools.** Full A/E Services including interior renovations, interior design services, and a building addition to facilitate egress. Programs accommodated include two assembly rooms intended for dual use as conference rooms and as a teen supper club. The teen supper club functions included a convertible stage, green room, sound rooms, dance floor, and food service station. The center also included a state of the art media center, student publication area, television studio and public restroom facilities. Special acoustical features were incorporated into the design to accommodate the simultaneous use of dissimilar functions. Only facility of its kind on the East Coast serving students in grades K-12.
 - Construction Budget \$ 3,350,000.00 – Architect of Record
- **BMW Dealership - JMK Auto Sales** – Expansion and in-place replacement of an existing dealership requiring a parking deck to be constructed for 300 cars over a new service area while maintaining the sales and office components operational. Once completed the balance of the original building was demolished in order to construct a multilevel showroom, with sales/service and administrative offices. This project exemplifies an ability to coordinate progress and schedule, and to maintain a facility operational while under construction. In addition to the obvious showroom functions, the building includes office spaces, conference rooms, service areas, integrated parts storage, and a parking deck. It is constructed to BMW corporate design and facility standards despite being constructed on half the recommended site area.
 - Construction Budget \$ 15,000,000.00 – Architect of Record
- **HVAC and Electrical Service Upgrade – Wallington High School** – Full A/E services. Including assistance in preparing for referendum. Electrical service upgrade, boiler replacement, system conversion steam to hot water, chiller, unit ventilator replacement, replacement of roof top air handling units and exhaust fans. Net credit to the Owner by enforcing liquidated damages for time of performance delays.
 - Construction Budget \$ 3,500,000.00 – Architect of Record
- **Second Floor Addition and Renovation – West Ward Cultural Center, Newark, NJ**
Full A/E Services. Project scope involves the expansion of an Abbott-District Preschool. Program expanded the center to include five additional classrooms, public and private toilet rooms, a health suite, an elevator and lobby. The renovation was able to maintain and expand one classroom, keep at dividable multi-purpose room, and provide a covered and secured exterior play court. Services included programming, planning board presentations, assisting in property acquisition and securing financing, assisting with processing state certification information, integrating temporary modular classrooms on site as well as serving as architects of record.
 - Construction Budget \$ 2,300,000.00



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- **Renovation and Addition – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus RC Church and School, Wallington, NJ**
Full A/E Services. Project scope included limestone masonry restoration, exterior elevator, lobby and restroom addition, commercial kitchen renovation, sidewalk repairs.
 - Construction Budget \$ 2,100,000.00
- **Health and Safety Upgrades - Elizabeth Public Schools.** Full A/E Services for a series of projects including roof replacement at two schools and masonry restoration at three schools, as well as miscellaneous fire/life safety upgrades. Roof replacements included full removal and replacement with a four-ply modified bituminous roof. Masonry repairs and restorations involved brick, concrete, stucco, and ornamental terra cotta and GFRC castings.
 - Cleveland Holmes Middle School
 - Hamilton Middle School
 - Butler Elementary School
 - Construction Budget \$ 5,500,000.00 – Architect of Record
- **Window and Entrance Door Replacement-** Various Senior Citizens Buildings, Newark Housing Authority: Partnered as a Joint Venture with another Architectural Firm, The Architects Alliance worked to replace all windows, curtain wall assemblies, exterior doors and security screens at 21 high-rise buildings with thermally efficient, units which provide for ease of operation and increased security.
 - Projected Budget \$ 15,000,000. (original scope of work); \$ 7,500,000.00 as constructed (excluding windows within individual dwelling units).
- **Curtainwall, Window, and Exterior Door Replacement - Gavlak Elementary School, Wallington, NJ.** Full A/E services, including assistance in preparing for referendum. Two-story perimeter envelope replaced with a high performance curtainwall system with custom glass spandrel panels. Doors were replaced with fiberglass reinforced polyester (FRP) and aluminum assemblies. Scope of work included asbestos abatement.
 - Construction Budget \$ 865,000.00

Comment: As Principal of the Architects Alliance, Blase Weimer serves as the architect of record on all projects and is personally involved in each commission. Through dedication, personal commitment, and a penchant to coordinate related construction disciplines, he has earned the respect and confidence of a widely diverse client base as well as that of his peers and professional colleagues.

- ✚ Almost perfect record of Planning Board / Board of Adjustment presentations
- ✚ Extremely effective in the preparation of expert witness reports and investigations
- ✚ Detail-oriented, thorough and dedicated
- ✚ History of accurate construction cost projections
- ✚ Effective mediator
- ✚ Comprehensive understanding of construction and real estate evaluation and uniquely capable of determining the highest and best use of a property.
- ✚ Expert in establishing cause and effect relationships that effect building systems and component performance.



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✚ Experienced communicator and expert problem solver.

A SELECT CLIENT LIST FOR THE ARCHITECTS ALLIANCE INCLUDES

SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL FACILITIES

NJ School Development Authority
Newark Public Schools
Wallington Board of Education
Wood-Ridge Public Schools
Elizabeth Board of Education
Most Sacred Heart School - Wallington
East Rutherford School District
West Ward Cultural Center - Newark
East Orange Public Schools

STATE AGENCIES

New Jersey School Construction Authority
NJ School Development Authority
New Jersey Department of Property
Management and Construction
NJGSA - Division of Law and Guardian
NJGSA - Intensive Supervision Program
Administrative Office of the NJ Courts
Museum-Cultural Ctr NJ Capital Complex

PRIVATELY HELD CORPORATIONS

Wycoff Surgical Center
Steel Craft Industries
Century 21 Auto Group

PUBLIC AGENCIES

Newark Housing Authority
Jersey City Housing Authority
Highlands Housing Authority
East Orange Housing Authority
Catholic Community Services
Most Sacred Heart Church - Wallington

CORPORATE ENTITIES

United Parcel Service
Greyhound Lines Inc.
Harrows
Warner Lambert Co.
Parke-Davis

BUILDING MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

SHP Management Corp.
Essex Plaza Management
High Park Gardens

PRIVATE DEVELOPERS

POP Realty Corp
Sylvan-Summer Homes
New United Corp.

MUNICIPALITIES

Borough of Wallington
Borough of East Rutherford

PROFESSIONAL AND RELATED TRADES

NK Architects
Hill International
RGA Architects and Planners
K.S. Engineers
Professional Planning and Engineering
Studio Pedro E. Campos AIA
Concord Engineering Group
C#M Door Controls
Brown and Caldwell / Tierra Solutions
Langan Engineering

EXPERT REPORT AND TESTIMONY

Daniel Silberstein, PC
Critchley & Kinum LLC
Law Offices of O'Connor & Demas, P.C.
Michael Critchley - Attorney at Law
Farkas & Donohue, LLC
McElroy, Deutsch & Mulvaney, LLP
Agresti & Associates, LLC
Mandelbaum Salsburg PC

Blase Weimer has been the principal of The Architects Alliance or its predecessor firms for more than two decades. Under his direction, The Architects Alliance has developed into a team of renovation experts. Our technical staff is detail-oriented, with the knowledge and expertise necessary to reason through most cause and effect relationships. This experience can help prevent the reoccurrence of problematic conditions which often plague aging structures. Our forensic investigations are thorough and have earned us a highly regarded reputation among our clients and peers. We have amassed a widely diversified portfolio of projects involving masonry restoration, roof replacement, water-proofing, window, door and curtainwall replacement, fire and security systems, heating, cooling and ventilation upgrades, enhancements to improve accessibility, site analysis, design and related embellishments, interior renovations, structural stabilizations, spatial reconfiguration and projects involving adaptive reuse.

The Architects Alliance has the dexterity to adapt corporate standards, a familiarity with public contract regulations and protocols, and the diversity to integrate a wide range of private work with an expertise in multiple building types and systems. We routinely work within tight budget constraints, produce fiscally responsible design and value engineer components and systems. Our staff has developed into good listeners and we take pride in our ability to render effective solutions and offer sound technical advice. As a firm of registered architects, interior designers and planners, The Architects Alliance offers expertise from programming through post construction evaluation and can offer a list of satisfied clients to attest to our merits. We can manage fiscal limitations and can work within accelerated time constraints. We offer design solutions and construction efficiencies that can save money, assure value, and can manage projects to rigorous standards of quality control.