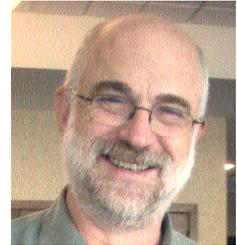


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Josh and his staff provide structural engineering consultation, design, and construction review services to architects, and to private, public, and commercial clients for timber, concrete, steel, and masonry structures. Projects include new single- and multi-family residences, commercial developments, vehicular and pedestrian bridges, schools, hospitals, retaining structures, foundations, remedial construction, structural renovations, remodels and additions, and seismic upgrading of existing buildings.

Josh's studies and doctoral dissertation have established his reputation as a leader in the field of understanding the standard of care of structural engineering. He has been a guest lecturer at UC Berkeley, Stanford University, Westcon, The American Society of Home Inspectors, the Splinter Group, and the AIA. Josh is asked to present professional papers throughout the United States and internationally including Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands, ICE Conference in London, and IABSE Conference in Venice. He serves as a consultant or expert witness to help settle disputes where construction defects or an engineer's negligence is alleged.

Most of the work of Joshua B. Kardon + Co. is not associated with dispute resolution, but instead involves structural engineering for new or existing buildings. Often, at the beginning of a project, Josh will work with the owner and the architect to define structural performance criteria, to assess engineering feasibility, and to develop preliminary design schemes for the early forecast of the expected construction cost of a project.

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