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About Kurt

Kurt Hoigard is a licensed Professional Engineer and President of Raths, Raths & Johnson responsible for the leadership and project oversight of the firm's evaluations, investigations, and field and laboratory testing services. He has more than 38 years of experience, specializing in the investigation and repair of distressed and deteriorated structures and the performance of building materials and systems.

He has consulted in the areas of preconstruction, peer review, implementation of construction quality assurance programs, water leakage investigation, complete collapse, and repair/restoration design. He serves diverse clients nationally from property owners, contractors, architects, engineers, and material suppliers to insurance companies and attorneys.

His specific project responsibilities consist of existing condition documentation, investigations, structural analysis, instrumentation for building psychrometric performance and structural dynamic behavior, construction tolerance studies, material evaluation, and preparation of repair plans and specifications. As an expert witness, he has provided litigation support and testimony on a range of matters.

Mr. Hoigard has leading industry knowledge and expertise in all major building materials and systems, with particular emphasis on exterior cladding, fenestration systems, concrete, building stone, and plaza waterproofing. He is a frequent industry speaker and author on topics related to window and curtain wall testing, building wall vapor control, condensation, masonry leakage, concrete construction, precast concrete panel behavior, terra cotta construction, and building stone testing and behavior.

Education

Master of Science in Civil Engineering,
Illinois Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
Structural Option
Illinois Institute of Technology

Licensure

Licensed Professional Engineer in: AL, AZ, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VT, VA, and WI

Certifications

Certified Third-Party EIFS Inspector
Exterior Design Institute (EDI)

Certified Moisture Analyst
Exterior Design Institute (EDI)

Chicago Registered Energy Professional

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)
ASTM International, Fellow
Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI)
American Concrete Institute (ACI)
International Code Council (ICC)
National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)
Structural Engineering Institute (SEI)
American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law



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Honors & Awards

Lawyer Monthly Magazine, Expert Witness Award,
Construction-USA, 2019

Who's Who Legal: Construction
Expert Witness 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022,
2023

Who's Who in America
Biographical Candidate 2022

Honors & Awards

ASTM International
Committee C18 on Dimension Stone, Chairman
Award of Merit for Contributions, April 2007
Daniel W. Kessler Award for Contributions, Oct. 2007
Chairman Service Award, Oct. 2005
Committee on Standards Service Award, Sept. 2000

American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)
Fellowship Award, 1984

Presentations

"Early Collaboration of Design and Damage Experts Pays Dividends in Construction Defect Cases," Construction Super Conference 2022, Las Vegas, NV, December 7, 2022

"A Perfect Storm: Indiana State Fair Stage Canopy Collapse," American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law, Midwinter Meeting (in person and via webcam), San Diego, CA, February 23, 2022

"A Perfect Storm: Indiana State Fair Stage Canopy Collapse," Associated General Contractors of America, Virtual Spring Summit (via webcam), May 21, 2021

"A Perfect Storm: Indiana State Fair Stage Canopy Collapse," American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law, Midwinter Meeting, Tucson, AZ, January 23, 2020

"Sticks & Bricks: Curtain Wall," American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law, 2019 Regional Program, Chicago, IL, September 20, 2019

"Delegated Design – The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," The Construction Specifications Institute, Chicago Area Chapter, Chicago, IL, January 22, 2019

"Delegated Design – The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," The Construction Specifications Institute, Northern Illinois Chapter, Glen Ellyn, IL, November 15, 2018

"Surely You're Joking, Mr. Hoigard," Illinois Institute of Technology, Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering, Chicago, IL, November 5, 2018

"Delegated Design: Promises and Perils," Association of Licensed Architects (ALA), Midwest Architecture Conference, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, October 2, 2018

"Prescriptions for Envelope Problems," Healthcare Engineers Society of Northern Illinois (HESNI) Annual Conference, Naperville, IL, May 4, 2017

"A Perfect Storm: Indiana State Fair Stage Canopy Collapse," Minnesota State Bar Association, CLE Program, Minneapolis, MN, March 10, 2017

"A Prescription for Problems," Minnesota Health Care Engineers Association, Annual Fall Conference, Hinckley, MN, September 8, 2016

"A Perfect Storm: Indiana State Fair Stage Canopy Collapse," Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys, Continuing Education Seminar, Chicago, IL, K.R. Hoigard and B.T. Lammert, June 21, 2016

"2 + 2 = 3? Something Just Doesn't Add Up," Association of Licensed Architects (ALA), Midwest Architecture Conference, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, October 6, 2015

"The Construction Expert's Toolbox," The Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys seminar, Ethics for Legal Counsel and Neutrals and the ADR Process, Chicago, IL, K.R. Hoigard and S.K. Flock, April 16, 2013



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"Some Things Really Do Go Bump in the Night – Part II," Commercial Law League of America 2012 National Convention, Chicago, IL, May 3, 2012

"Some Things Really Do Go Bump in the Night," Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, IL, February 6, 2012

"D'oh! A Study of Four Simple Mistakes with Potentially Deadly Consequences," University of Illinois Chi Epsilon Pledge Initiation Meeting, April 3, 2008

ASTM International Symposium on Dimension Stone Use in Building Construction, Tampa, FL, K.R. Hoigard, Symposium Co-Chairman, October 2007

"A Primer on Bonded Concrete Toppings," joint meeting of the International Concrete Repair Institute and the Minnesota Concrete Council, St. Paul, MN, April 19, 2007

"Say it Ain't So – A Study of Four Simple Mistakes with Costly Results," Valparaiso University, College of Engineering, 2005 Principles of Engineering Practice Series, Valparaiso, IN, March 16, 2005

"Oops! Forgetting the Basics Can Bite You in the A**," Valparaiso University, College of Engineering, 2002 Principles of Engineering Practice Seminar Series, Valparaiso, IN, April 18, 2002

"Terra Cotta Facades," Symposium on Building Facade Maintenance, Repair, and Inspection, ASTM STP 1444, ASTM International, Norfolk, VA, K.R. Hoigard, G.R. Mulholland, and R.C. Haukoht, 2002

"Dimension Stone Cladding: Design, Construction, Evaluation, and Repair," ASTM STP 1394, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, K.R. Hoigard, 2000

"Concrete Basics," Chicago Region American Arbitration Association, 2000 Arbitrator Continuing Education Series, July 21, 2000

ASTM International Symposium on Dimension Stone Cladding: Design, Construction, Evaluation, and Repair, New Orleans, LA, K.R. Hoigard, Symposium Chairman, October 27, 1999

"Historic Terra Cotta Facade Construction," Illinois Institute of Technology, Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering, 1999 Graduate Seminar Series, Chicago, IL, March 1999

"Investigation and Repair of Terra Cotta Facades," American Society of Civil Engineers, Illinois Section Structures Group, K.R. Hoigard and G.R. Mulholland, February 17, 1999

"Performance of a Modified Sealant Fillet Detail," Science and Technology of Building Seals, Sealants, Glazing and Waterproofing: Second Volume, ASTM STP 1142, Jerome M. Klosowski, Ed., ASTM International, Philadelphia, PA, K.R. Hoigard and R.J. Kudder, 1992

"Physical Testing of Natural Building Stone," The Construction Specifications Institute, Northern Illinois Chapter, Educational Program, Itasca, IL, May 3, 1989

"The Effects of Hostile Environment on Adhesively Bonded Steel Bridge Connections," Third International Bridge Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, K.R. Hoigard and A. Longinow, June 1986

Publications

"Fiber-Cement Panel Siding Nail Head Pull-Through Resistance," *The Construction Specifier*, J.W. Arnold, C.P. Rueb, and K.R. Hoigard, January 2022

"Approaching Construction Cases as an Expert Witness," *Lawyer Monthly*, October 2019

"Delegated Design Done Right," *Building Enclosure*, K.R. Hoigard and D.E. Boatwright, April 5, 2019



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Publications cont.

"Impact of Outdoor Exposure on the Performance of Insulating Glass Unit Primary Sealant: A Case History," R.R. Booth, K.R. Hoigard, D.K. Johnson, and J.M. Klosowski, *Durability of Building and Construction Sealants and Adhesives: 6th Volume*, ASTM STP1604, C.C. White and H. Miyauchi, Eds., ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2018

"Exterior Facade Repairs at PNC Bank Building: Adjusting for Unanticipated Conditions," *Applicator*, K.R. Hoigard and D.C. Fortino, Summer 2016

"Evaluation and Repair of Insufficiently Reinforced Precast Concrete Double Tee Members," *Proceedings of the ASCE Forensic Engineering 7th Congress*, Miami, FL, K.R. Hoigard and K. Conroy, November 18, 2015

Designing Plaza Hardscapes," *The Construction Specifier*, K.R. Hoigard and B.T. Lammert, April 2014

"Grain Elevator Collapse," RRJ *Insight* Issue No. 30, K.R. Hoigard and G.R. Mulholland, August 2013

"Plaza Construction – What Lies Beneath," RRJ *Insight* Issue No. 29, K.R. Hoigard and B.T. Lammert, June 2012

"Stiffness Considerations in Dimension Stone Anchorage Design," *Dimension Stone Use in Building Construction*, ASTM STP 1499, K. R. Hoigard and M. J. Scheffler, Eds., ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2007, and *Journal of ASTM International*, Vol. 4, No. 6, Paper ID JAI101062, K. Conroy and K.R. Hoigard

"Material Strength Considerations in Dimension Stone Anchorage Design," *Dimension Stone Use in Building Construction*, ASTM STP 1499, K.R. Hoigard and M.J. Scheffler, Eds., ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2007, and *Journal of ASTM International*, Vol. 4, No. 6, Paper ID JAI101102, B.T. Lammert and K.R. Hoigard

"An Overview of Water Leakage Paths into Exterior Walls," *Proceedings of the Paint and Coating Expo (PACE) 2006 Conference*, Tampa, FL, K.R. Hoigard and G.D. Hall, January 2006

"Water-Resistive Barriers: How do they compare?" *IIBEC Interface, Technical Journal of IIBEC*, G.D. Hall and K.R. Hoigard, November 2005

"Experian Headquarters Window and Curtain Wall Testing," RRJ *Insight* Issue No. 20, B.A. Faith and K.R. Hoigard, February 2005

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"Bonded Concrete Toppings," *Structural Engineer*, C.H. Raths and K.R. Hoigard, August 2004

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"Effect of Installation Details on the Condensation Performance of Window Frames," *Committee on Performance and Durability of Window-Walls Interface*, ASTM STP 1484, R.J. Kudder, S.K. Babich (Flock) and D.K. Johnson, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2004

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Major contributor to ASTM C1528-02, "Standard Guide for the Selection of Dimension Stone for Exterior Use," ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA

"Vintage Timber Truss Roofs: Collapses Waiting to Happen," RRJ *Insight* Issue No. 16, D.B. Tigue and K.R. Hoigard, March 2001

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- "Grouted Stone Facade Kerf Failures," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 13, November 1999
- "Portland Cement and Gypsum – An Expansive Combination," *RRJ Insight* No. 13, November 1999
- "Specifying Exterior Grout," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 13, November 1999
- "Evaluating Lift Bridge Imbalance," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 11, March 1999
- "NRC Stone Facade Repairs," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 8, March 1998
- "Nondestructive Stone Anchor Identification," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 8, March 1998
- "More About Curtain Wall Hose Testing," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 6, March 1997
- "The Facts About Hose Testing," *Water Leakage through Building Facades*, ASTM STP 1314, R.J. Kudder and J.L. Erdly, Eds., ASTM International, Philadelphia, PA, K.R. Hoigard and R.J. Kudder, 1997
- "Evaluation of Stone Cladding Anchorages on Precast Concrete Building Panels," *Degradation of Natural Stone, ASCE Geotechnical Special Publication No. 72*, J.F. Labuz, Ed., American Society of Civil Engineers, K.R. Hoigard and G.R. Mulholland, 1997
- Major contributor to ASTM C1352-96, "Standard Test Method for Flexural Modulus of Elasticity of Dimension Stone," ASTM International, Philadelphia, PA
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- "RRJ – A Brief History," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 5, C.H. Rath and K.R. Hoigard, August 1996
- "Surety Bond Claims," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 4, March 1995
- "Demonstrative Models," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 3, January 1995
- "Testing for Leakage," *Architecture*, September 1994
- "Load Testing Chicago's Elevated Train System," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 2, K.R. Hoigard and R.W. Kritzler, September 1994
- "Pressures Generated During Curtain Wall Hose Tests," *RRJ Insight* Issue No. 1, May 1994
- "Structural Analysis of Stone Clad Precast Concrete Building Panels," *Proceedings of the 34th U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics*, Madison, WI, K.R. Hoigard, R.W. Kritzler, and G.R. Mulholland, June 1993
- "Including ASTM E514 Tests in Field Evaluations of Brick Masonry," *Masonry: Design and Construction, Problems and Repairs*, ASTM STP 1180, J.M. Melander and L.R. Laudersdoff, Eds., ASTM International, Philadelphia, PA, K.R. Hoigard, R.J. Kudder, and K.M. Lies, 1993
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- Major contributor to ASTM C1242-93, "Standard Guide for Design, Selection, and Installation of Exterior Dimension Stone Anchors and Anchoring Systems," ASTM International, Philadelphia, PA



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"Vapor Control and Psychrometric Monitoring in Exterior Walls," *STP1107-EB Water in Exterior Building Walls: Problems and Solutions*, T. A. Schwartz, Ed., ASTM International, Philadelphia, PA, R.J. Kudder and K.R. Hoigard, 1991

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"Construction Details Affecting Wall Condensation," *Proceedings, BTECC Symposium on Air Infiltration, Ventilation and Moisture Transfer*, Fort Worth, TX, R.J. Kudder, K.M. Lies, and K.R. Hoigard, December 1986

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