

Biography – Rochelle Jaffe

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Rochelle is licensed Architect, licensed Structural Engineer, certified construction specifier, and certified special inspector of structural masonry. Prior to starting her own firm, Rochelle was employed by NTH Consultants, Ltd., CTLGroup, and Raths, Raths, and Johnson. She has a Bachelor of Science degree (major in mathematics) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Master of Architecture degree (major in structures) from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Rochelle has nearly 30 years of experience in troubleshooting masonry design, observing masonry during construction, and evaluating existing buildings. Masonry is her specialty, but her expertise goes beyond masonry to the building structure and envelope. She provides services to owners, design professionals, contractors, and attorneys. She is a nationally recognized expert in masonry, and has published numerous textbooks, magazine articles, and reports on the subjects of masonry design and construction. She was primary author for all editions (soon to be 7) of The Masonry Designers' Guide and a co-author the Direct Design Handbook for Masonry Structures.

Rochelle was granted Fellow member status in The Masonry Society (TMS) as a result of providing more than 20 years of active service to that society, including Chair of the Architectural Practices Committee, Director on the Board, Editor of the TMS Journal, and member of several other committees. She is a member of the American Concrete Institute, American Society of Civil Engineers, ASTM (Committee C18 Dimension Stone), and Structural Engineers Association of Michigan. She has also been an active member of the Masonry Standards Joint Committee for every edition of that document since 1992. Positions held with that committee include chair of various subcommittees and member of several other subcommittees.