

# Bio Brief:



## Janeen A. Harrell

AIA, NOMA, NCARB, LEED AP

As both an architect and interior designer, Janeen Harrell approaches her work with a unique and thorough perspective. She is responsible for the design, management and successful completion of a broad range of projects including high profile corporate renovations in Chicago skyscrapers such as the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower), the Illinois Center, and the Franklin Building; residential projects ranging from affordable developments with the Chicago Housing Authority to high end single and multifamily homes and towers; classroom and student services buildings at HBCUs and community colleges; and hotels and cultural heritage museums. Janeen has extensive experience in varied phases of projects and consistently delivers thoughtful, contextual, well-crafted design solutions to the built environment while maintaining excellent client and consultant relationships. She has a strong interest in the intersection of sustainable and affordable design and has crafted her academic and professional endeavors to explore this intersection.

African American women account for fewer than 0.5% of licensed architects in the United States, and Janeen is proud to have earned this distinction. Janeen's colleagues also recognize her as an exemplary leader and a valuable asset to the profession. She served as the 2020 President of the American Institute of Architects Illinois Board of Directors and is the first African American woman to hold this position. Initially elected to the board in 2013, she has served in numerous positions at national, state (Illinois), and local (Chicago) levels including her current role as an AIA National Strategic Councilor and previous roles as delegate, secretary, and treasurer/president-elect. Janeen has also been honored by the National Organization of Minority Architects Illinois Chapter as a trailblazing woman architect and serves as an active member and volunteer for the organization.

Janeen has always enjoyed the arts and math and realized at a young age that architecture seemed the perfect marriage of her scientific and creative sides. Over the years, she has made it a priority to balance academia and creative expression. Janeen's work in the community seeks to encourage diversity and exposure within the design professions as well as performance arts. She recently enjoyed filming an interview segment called Diversity in Architecture which highlights the careers of minority architects. She participates in numerous academic mentorship programs for young women and has served as a judge in the categories of architecture and mathematics for ACT-SO Chicago (the NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics is a yearlong achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students). She mentors youth at church through dance ministry choreography and also mentors young architects pursuing licensure.

Janeen is a native of Durham, North Carolina, and a graduate of Hampton University and Cornell University. She exhibits a longstanding commitment to community service through her active membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, volunteerism with her church, and support of numerous other community-serving organizations. Janeen thoroughly enjoys her blended roles in architecture and interior design in Chicago where she has lived and practiced since 2007.

# Experience Brief:

## **Academics**

Interior Design Studio Instructor, Fall 2006  
Cornell University

Master of Arts in Interior Design, 2006  
Cornell University

Bachelor of Architecture, 2001  
Hampton University

## **Professional Registration**

Licensed Architect – Illinois  
Licensed Architect – North Carolina  
NCARB Certified  
LEED Accredited Professional

## **Professional Leadership and Community Service**

Illinois Representative - American Institute of Architects National Strategic Council, 2021-2023  
President - American Institute of Architects Illinois Board of Directors, 2020  
Treasurer/President-Elect - American Institute of Architects Illinois Board of Directors, 2019  
Secretary - American Institute of Architects Illinois Board of Directors, 2018  
Chicago Delegate - American Institute of Architects Illinois Board of Directors, 2013 – 2017  
Trailblazing Woman Architect Recognition - National Organization of Minority Architects Illinois – 2015  
Active Member - National Organization of Minority Architects, 2001 - Present  
Active Member - American Institute of Architects Chicago 2030 Working Group, 2011 - 2018  
Honoree - Hampton University Forty Under 40 Inaugural Class – 2016  
Co-chairman - Environmental Stewardship Committee – Chi Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., 2016 – 2018  
Co-chairman – The Arts! – Chi Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., 2018  
Treasurer and Choreography Chair - Trinity United Church of Christ Adult Dance Ministry, 2009-2014  
Choreography Leader - Trinity United Church of Christ Adult and Youth Dance Ministries, 2008-2018

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# Experience Brief:

## LIFE ENHANCEMENT/ RESIDENTIAL/ HOSPITALITY EXPERIENCE

### **The Talbott Hotel**, Chicago, IL

Hotel renovation and expansion to 176 keys

### **845 West Madison**, Chicago, IL

708,000 sf new construction of two residential towers including 586 residential units, retail, roof decks, and amenity spaces, including overall project management as well as FFE design and procurement

### **Mercy Housing Lakefront, Senior Residences of Grayslake**, Grayslake, IL

72, 500 sf affordable senior housing (70 Units) interior design

### **Chicago Housing Authority Scattered Sites**, Chicago, IL

Prime Design Contract for housing modernization and renovations including project management, consultant coordination, bid management, and CA for a portfolio of 40 multi-family sites

### **Chicagoland Residential Upgrades**, Chicagoland, IL

Design and CA of numerous new single family homes and additions throughout Chicago, Chicago suburbs, and San Diego

## CORPORATE COMMERCIAL DESIGN AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

### **Berkley**

Management and design of 75,000 sf office consolidation

### **The Community Builders – Oakwood Shores**, Chicago, IL

Redesign of interior finishes and furnishings of residential community center

### **Willis Tower/ EQ Office Management Support**, Chicago, IL

Project management, spec suites, space planning, test fits, marketing plans, and demo plans for multiple suites in 110-story office tower

### **200 West Adams/ JLL Management Support**, Chicago, IL

Project management, space planning, test fits, marketing plans, and demo plans for multiple suites in 30-story office tower

### **200 West Adams/ Amenities and Lobby**, Chicago, IL

Lobby and elevator lobby renovation coupled with new construction of two-story amenity space including pantry, yoga, fitness, conference, and lounge space

### **Association Forum**, Chicago, IL

9,000 sf Workplace renovation

### **AIA Illinois Office Relocation**, Springfield, IL

Conceptual design through CA for office relocation and interior renovation

### **ShopperTrak**, Chicago, IL

54,000 sf Relocation of headquarters

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**Northern Trust Corporation - Global Headquarters**, Chicago, IL  
19,000 sf Renovation of lobby and conference center – preliminary design

**Northern Trust Corporation – Canal Street Refresh**, Chicago, IL  
37,000 sf Workplace Renovation

**Northern Trust Corporation – Canal Street & Madison Accelerated**, Chicago, IL  
5,200 sf Workplace Renovation

**Northern Trust Corporation – Madison Renovations**, Chicago, IL **49,000 sf Workplace Renovation**

**Northern Trust Corporation – Canal Optimization Study**, Chicago, IL  
540,000 sf Workplace Renovation feasibility study

**National Academy for the Recording Arts & Sciences**, Chicago, IL  
4,000 sf Workplace Relocation and Renovation

**Illinois Center Spec Suites**, Chicago, IL  
25,300 sf Design, Documentation, and CA for multiple new office suites, including furniture order/installation

**Illinois Center/ Reit Management Support**, Chicago, IL  
Project management, space planning, test fits, marketing plans, and demo plans for multiple suites in two 32-story office towers

**The Franklin Spec Suites**, Chicago, IL 1  
30,000 sf Workplace Renovation, amenity atrium, and standard corridor and elevator lobby redesign

**Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center**, Chicago, IL  
Chicago Housing Authority  
Code feasibility studies and construction administration for facility renovation of community center

**Chicago Public Schools Bridgeport Offices**, Chicago, IL  
Design and CA of 4 –story loft building conversion to office space 36, 587 sf

**National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) Office Relocation**, Chicago, IL  
Project management for 19,200 sf office renovation

**Durham Technical Community College**, Durham, NC  
58,000 sf Programming and design for a new multi-use facility

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

**L'Hopital Universitaire de Mirebalais**, Mirebalais, Haiti  
180,000 sf LEED administrator and feasibility researcher

**Virunga Bar**, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo  
Design of rooftop bar and grill

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