

# OPINE EXPERTS

## **Karin Payson**

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Karin Payson is a licensed architect with over 25 years experience in planning, design and project management. Since founding KPa+d in 1992, Ms. Payson has engaged in projects with an assortment of private and public clients. In January, 2011, Ms. Payson completed the interior design and construction of a new home for the San Francisco Holocaust Archive. She recently completed, as Associate Architect and Interior Designer, the second in a series of three projects for the San Francisco Public Library system. The Parkside Branch, which reopened to the public in November of 2010, received a renovation and expansion, and is expected to achieve a LEED Silver rating. A similar project at the West Portal Branch was completed in 2007, and now the Ms. Payson is currently working in the same capacity on a new building for the Bayview Branch, scheduled to begin construction in April of 2011. In addition, Ms. Payson has produced large-scale single family homes and commercial and institutional interiors throughout Northern California, Wyoming and New York. She has been a Lecturer, Associate Professor and Guest Critic at the University of California Berkeley, California College of the Arts, Academy of Art College, UC Extension, the San Francisco Studio of California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo, and New York Institute of Technology.

Prior to founding KPa+d, Ms. Payson was a Project Architect at Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, a large New York office. Her work there focused on the planning, programming and design of large-scale commercial buildings, high-rise housing, and adaptive re-use of historically significant buildings.

## **Education**

Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture and Planning  
Master of Architecture, 1984

University of California, Berkeley  
Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, 1981

## **Certification**

Architect, State of California, C 22856  
Architect, State of New York, 018959-1  
LEED Accredited Professional

## **Selected Projects**

- Parkside Branch, San Francisco Public Library, Associate Architect and Interior Designer, with THA Architecture (Executive Architect), San Francisco, CA
- West Portal Branch, San Francisco Public Library, Associate Architect and Interior Designer, with THA Architecture (Executive Architect), San Francisco, CA
- San Francisco Holocaust Archive, Architect and Interior Designer, San Francisco, CA
- Bayview Branch, San Francisco Public Library, Associate Architect and Interior Designer, with THA Architecture (Executive Architect), San Francisco, CA
- San Francisco Honda, Multiple Projects, Architect, San Francisco, CA
- San Geronimo Valley Presbyterian Church, Architect, San Geronimo, CA
- Jewish Family and Children's Services, Architect, Santa Rosa, CA
- Council on Foreign Relations, Architect New York, NY
- Various large-scale homes, remodels and additions in California, New York, Wyoming

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## **Awards and Exhibitions**

Small Firms, Great Projects: San Francisco Magazine, 2007, 2008/2009

The Art of Architecture, Exhibition: Danville Fine Arts Gallery, Danville CA, 2005

Inspired Outcomes: Women Leading Change Exhibition sponsored by AIA San Francisco, 2004

Totem Design "Workplaces" Competition, Honorable Mention; New York, 2001

Dollhouse: The Designer Showcase in Miniature; Benefit Project, San Francisco; 2001

"Petchitecture", A Benefit Exhibition for PAWS; San Francisco, 1995

New Utah Housing Competition, Small Multi-Family Site; Winning Scheme, 1994

California Women in Environmental Design Exhibition; San Francisco, 1994

Projects and articles have appeared in *California Homes; Small Firms Great Projects; Science & Spirit; Architectural Digest; The Sunset Book of Western Landscaping; San Francisco Chronicle Sunday Magazine; Sunset Magazine; The Sacramento Bee; The San Francisco Examiner Sunday Magazine; The New York Times; Zero Hour; Archives of the Avery Architectural Library; Interiors; and Oculus, The Magazine of the New York Chapter of the AIA.*

## **Community**

Board Member, AIA California Council, 2008, 2009

Board Member AIA, San Francisco Chapter, 2006, 2007

FAR Study Committee with San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno, 2000 – 2002