John C. Stennis, Architect.

Licensed architect · NCARB certified · Architectural expert witness

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Professional summary

Licensed architect with twenty years of practice across civic and institutional, restaurant and retail tenant improvement, high-end residential, and affordable housing work throughout the Mountain West. Registered in Idaho, Utah, Montana and Wyoming, and NCARB certified. Provides independent architectural expert-witness analysis grounded in hands-on experience leading projects from design through construction, and is available for deposition and trial testimony. Six years on the Town of Jackson Planning & Zoning Commission, including as chair.

Independence

Forge Advisors LLC is an independent practice. It also advises owners on design decisions and accepts a limited number of architectural commissions a year. A conflicts check precedes every engagement, and Forge does not take design or advisory work for any party to a matter it is retained on.

Areas of expertise

- Standard of care for licensed architects
- Construction defect analysis
- Design adequacy and drawing coordination
- Building code compliance
- Contract administration and scope disputes
- Building envelope and assemblies
- Document and specification review

Project-type experience: civic and institutional, restaurant and retail tenant fit-out, high-end residential (new construction and remodel), and affordable housing.

Licensure and registration

Architect, Idaho	**License 5361476**
Architect, Utah	**License 14160383-0301**
Architect, Montana	**License ARC-ARC-LIC-24707**
Architect, Wyoming	**License B-0309, since 2018**
NCARB certified	**Certificate No. 91762, June 2018**

All state licenses active and in good standing.

Education

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia — 2006
Master of Architecture

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia — 2005
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architecture

Professional experience

Forge Advisors LLC — 2026 – present
Founder and principal.

GYDE Architects — 2017 – 2026
Associate to principal; ownership interest acquired 2022.

Gilday Architects — 2008 – 2017
Project manager, later associate.

Tobler Duncker Architects — 2004 – 2008
Intern architect and project manager.

Tobler Duncker Architects and Gilday Architects are predecessor names of GYDE Architects, a single continuous practice spanning the full career.

Representative projects

RESIDENTIAL

Serenity Now. New-construction lakefront residence, about 11,300 s.f., Island Park, ID, 2024. Principal; architect of record.

Westbank Retreat. Major remodel of a 1980s home, about 6,800 s.f., Wilson, WY, 2021. Associate; architect of record.

Cabin in the Woods. New-construction 900 s.f. off-grid cabin on a private inholding inside a national park, 2021. Associate; architect of record.

Wilson Ranch. Ranch house, guest bunkhouse and horse barn, 8,500 s.f., Wilson, WY, 2018. Project manager.

The Chalet. Reinvention and expansion of a 1980s chalet, about 5,800 s.f., Teton Village, WY. Under construction. Principal; architect of record.

Creekside. 6,000 s.f. residence added to a family compound on a water-bound site, Teton County, WY. Under construction. Principal; architect of record.

CIVIC AND INSTITUTIONAL

Teton County Library. Addition and full remodel of the 23,000 s.f. library, with an addition of about 11,000 s.f., Jackson, WY, c. 2014. Project manager. LEED Gold, with Humphries Poli Architects (Denver). Carried from 2009 programming through SPET funding and a Town conditional use permit.

HOSPITALITY, RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL

Snake River Brewery. Full remodel of the 1994 brewpub, 9,000 s.f., Jackson, WY, 2023. Principal; architect of record.

High Country Outfitters. Retail relocation and structural renovation, 5,000 s.f., Jackson, WY, 2025. Principal; architect of record.

Jackson Hole Jewelry. Façade and interior renovation, 10,900 s.f., Jackson, WY, 2024. Principal; architect of record.

Fine Dining Group (Gavin Fine) restaurants. Jackson Hole, WY. Architect on approximately fifteen hospitality projects over the career: bistro, osteria and wine-room concepts.

Basecamp (former Wilson Chevron). Market and wine-store renovation, Wilson, WY. Associate; architect of record.

Project work completed at GYDE Architects and its predecessor firms. Roles stated are those held at the time.

Civic and professional service

Town of Jackson Planning & Zoning Commission / Board of Adjustment 2010 – 2016
Commissioner; chair, 2014–2015. Contributor to the 2012 Teton County Comprehensive Plan as a Commission member.

Jackson Hole Land Trust, Board of Directors 2025 – present
Board member.

Jackson Hole Land Trust, Open Space Council 2016 – 2023
Council member.

Jackson Hole Working, Board of Directors 2018 – 2024
Board member; community land-use and workforce-housing advocacy.

Friends of the Jackson Hole Energy Sustainability Project 2010
Steering committee member.

Awards and honors

Forty Under 40 April 2015
Wyoming Business Report.

Professional affiliations

American Institute of Architects (AIA), member

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), Certificate No. 91762

Testimony experience

No prior deposition or trial testimony to date. Available to provide deposition and trial testimony.

Fee schedule and references

Fee schedule available on request and provided as a separate attachment. Professional references available on request.