



Anita Konfederak

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Anita Konfederak, Vice President of Merritt Engineering Consultants, P.C., recalls the excitement she felt managing her first historic restoration project 24 years ago at the Cherokee Apartments in Manhattan. Her work earned an award from the Friends of the Upper East Side and solidified her interest in restoration. Having graduated from the New York Institute of Technology with a Bachelors of Architecture degree, she traveled extensively in Europe to learn about historic building methods and while working in NYC, she learned about construction and especially about waterproofing systems that are so essential to the longevity of building facades. When Local Law 10-80 (now LL 11-98 or FISP) was adopted in the early 1980's the need for professionals willing to inspect, analyze and restore high rise buildings increased in NYC, and with it Merritt Engineering's staff grew from 3 to 35 employees in New York and Florida. Along with its sister company, Merritt Environmental, which specializes in the preparation of Phase I and Phase II reports for banks, Merritt Engineering enjoys a solid reputation in the building investigation and restoration industry.

Focusing initially on the Coop/Condo market with only a few commercial clients, Ms. Konfederak helped grow the company to one which currently provides engineering services to numerous hospital organizations, financial institutions, residential and commercial management firms, as well as construction management companies and architectural firms in need of waterproofing consultation. Her success lies in the ability to analyze building problems quickly, design permanent corrective solutions, and protect her client's interest during construction as if it were her own. Her most notable projects include a 5 million dollar restoration of a 35 story terra cotta clad tower at 55 Liberty St. which included the replacement of a copper mansard roof, post 9-11 façade repairs at 140 West St., waterproofing consultation during the expansion of

"I find the challenge of coordinating each project the most interesting."

the Roosevelt Mall on Long Island and façade repairs after a plane crashed into the Belaire condominium at 524 E 72nd Street. She especially takes pride in numerous façade restoration projects over the past 15 years for Lenox Hill and MEETH hospitals, and the



roof replacement work for The Hospital for Special Surgery and Continuum Health Partners at Beth Israel and St. Luke's. Her expertise in solving moisture infiltration problems has been utilized on hundreds of buildings. She is currently working on a \$10 million project for Verizon at 395 Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn.

Ms. Konfederak credits her Polish roots and upbringing for her work ethic, and is always willing to mentor young women who are interested in architecture, engineering and construction. Her recent contributions include helping The Girl Scouts of Long Island set a Guinness World Book record by building the highest tower out of girl scout cookies, and has been mentoring high school girls who attend the Bronx Design and Construction Academy. She is a member of Professional Women in Construction, BOMA and the Sealant, Waterproofing and Restoration Institute. She resides with her family in Port Washington, Long Island where she has volunteered her services to fundraise and build two school playgrounds.