

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE
The Pennsylvania State University

**MASTERS STUDIES IN
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**
The Pennsylvania State University

GRADUATE STUDIES IN LAW
Widener University

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

USGBC.....LEED™ AP
American Institute of Architects

PROFESSIONAL RESUME

CEFP REFP (1998)
CEFP CEFP (2013)

ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION

NCARB (Reciprocity)..... 45271
North Carolina 7698
Pennsylvania.....RA 12090 X
Connecticut 0012040
New Jersey..... 14379
Maryland..... 10902
Delaware..... S50006239
Virginia 010645
Ohio 12117

Vern L. McKissick III

AIA, CEFP, NCARB, LEED AP
President & Educational Planner



30 YEARS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In addition to being a registered architect, Vern is also a certified educational facilities planner (CEFP) through the Council for Facility Planners International.

The son of a superintendent and an art teacher, education has deeply influenced his life and career.

His passion for both architecture and education is reflected in his continuing education studies and includes active involvement with the American Institute of Architects Committee on Educational Design. Over the past 30 years, **Vern has been involved in over \$1.5 billion in educational project design and construction.**

Every day, over 70,000 students attend a building he designed. Many of his current client relationships have spanned more than a decade and some more than two.

A LEED™ accredited professional, his early career was rooted in the energy audits and retrofits of the late 70s and early 80s. His extensive experience with sustainable design as well as the deep knowledge of his clients' business models enables him to bring **a realistic perspective of exactly when and how much "green" is appropriate for each architectural solution.** Vern has recently completed a new LEED™ Gold middle school for Williamsport Area Schools (opened 2014) and the new Shikellamy Middle School which has won awards and recognition from Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA) and US Green Building Council - Central Pennsylvania.

Vern is actively involved in advocacy for improvements in educational planning and funding at the state

level. He has worked with the AIA to develop better legislation to support public school systems.

Vern is a licensed, instrument-rated private pilot – a passion he uses to extend his architectural practice and services.

A HANDS-ON ARCHITECT

Vern is actively involved in every project at McKissick Associates. **His primary focus is in the master planning, schematic design, and design development of educational projects.** He maintains an awareness of all project issues through construction administration phases, attends every Board of Education and public presentation throughout the duration of each project. At least once each month, he accompanies our construction field administrator at job conferences to stay familiar with ongoing issues and act as a secondary point of contact for clients and contractors.

Vern's largest project to date was the \$78 million new 300,000 SF high school for 3000 students in the economically struggling city of Reading, PA. The project included partial demolition and adaptive reuse of a former hospital for which he negotiated the sale price and split work scope between public and private entities.

Additional experience includes the Science & Technology Center for the Pennsylvania State University - Middletown Campus and the Community Arts Center as part of the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. Vern also has decades of experience with vocational technical programs, including the integration of STEM classroom design into several projects for School Districts in western Pennsylvania including Indiana, Windber and Westmont Hilltop.