

## Accessible Design Challenges: Common Errors and Solutions from Field Inspectors

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More than 30 years have passed since the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law. How is it that mistakes are still being made? With plenty of photographs and real-life examples, the presentation will focus on common errors in accessibility we see across the country.



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Understand a brief history of the ADA and how after more than 30 years, it is still a challenge to reach full compliance.



Know what types of projects are required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and what liability designers carry for compliance.



Participants will be able to identify common accessibility design and construction mistakes and learn to design with accessibility in mind.



Exposure to the legal side of non-compliance through a few recent court case examples where a judge interprets the designers' intent.

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## SPEAKER BIOS

### Andrea LaCour

*RAS & ADA Coordinator*

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With her background as a teacher and designer, Mrs. LaCour brings an invaluable perspective to accessibility consulting. She is able to communicate effectively to designers, policy makers, and the public on requirements which are quite technical and complex. With Andrea's design background, she acts as the link between understanding the requirements and applying them in a real-world setting. Accessibility compliance is not always a simple answer. Andrea is a national expert and sought-after presenter, having presented to over 5,000 unique people on ADA requirements through various opportunities. Andrea is also a Certified ADA Coordinator with advanced training in Title I.

*Andrea has served as the Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) on over 500 projects nationwide, including over 100 unique park projects across the State, with dozens of playground specific projects.*

### Elaine Andersen

*RAS & ADA Coordinator*

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As a designer and accessibility specialist, Mrs. Andersen has over 20 years of experience in managing projects from the design phase through final construction. Elaine is a national expert in accessibility, having worked coast to coast, from California to the Carolinas. Her design experience includes extensive knowledge of building codes, accessibility standards, and ordinances for both commercial and residential facilities. Elaine's accessibility consulting experience has been her main focus for the last decade. Elaine is a true Accessibility expert with deep understanding and knowledge to analyze compliance with all accessibility standards. Elaine is also a National Certified ADA Coordinator with advanced training in Title III.

*Elaine has served as the Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) on over 600 projects nationwide, including dozens of unique park and playground projects for cities across the nation.*