



## David Kessler, Principal

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### EDUCATION

M.A., Social Gerontology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 1991  
M.I.D., Industrial Design, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, 1982  
B.A., Political Science, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, 1969

### EXPERIENCE

Mr. Kessler brings expertise in architectural accessibility, industrial design, and social gerontology to his oversight of ADA/504/FHA compliance planning projects for private and public sector clients. He has managed precedent-setting research on access to water transportation as well as emergency preparedness and evacuation of people with disabilities from rapid transit systems.

### 1999 - Present

Managing Principal – Kessler McGuinness & Associates, Newton, MA  
Direct *ADA/FHA* compliance planning and training projects for public and private sector clients. Projects include readily achievable barrier removal compliance plans, master plans for overall ADA compliance, review of hundreds of multi-family development projects, technical research, regulatory guidelines, and training seminars. Representative clients include:

- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- San Francisco International Airport
- Massachusetts Port Authority
- Portland (OR) International Airport
- San Diego International Airport
- Oakland International Airport
- Golden Gate Ferry
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Brown University
- Swarthmore College
- Middlebury College
- University of Massachusetts – Boston
- Boston College
- Framingham State College
- Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital
- Equity Residential
- The JBG Companies
- Lincoln Property
- Dermot Company
- Boston Properties
- National Development
- Northland Development

BRE Properties  
Key Point Partners  
Eaton Vance  
MA Division of Capital Asset Management  
Dallas Area Rapid Transit  
John Hancock Insurance Co.  
Equity Office  
Raytheon  
Fidelity Properties  
InterContinental Hotels  
Crown Plaza Hotel  
Fairmont Copley  
Marriott Hotels  
Colonial Inn  
Terminal A Replacement, Logan International Airport  
Talbots  
Stop & Shop

**1996 - 1999**

Manager, Accessibility Planning and Universal Design - Katherine McGuinness and Associates, a Division of TAMS Consultants, Inc., Boston, MA.  
Projects include:

- **City University of New York, NY:** Managed the accessibility review for three CUNY colleges.
- **Transitway Tunnel, Boston, MA:** Reviewed the impact of construction of a Transitway tunnel on accessibility at a historic facility for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.
- **Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA:** Managed the development of a comprehensive campus wide accessibility plan and implementation strategy.
- **Dallas Area Regional Transit Authority, TX:** Reviewed ADA compliance issues prior to opening day of a new light rail system. Recommended strategies for responding to citizen complaints about transit cars and station interface.
- **Access Massport:** Managed major revisions to the Massachusetts Port Authority's accessible design guidelines.
- **University of San Francisco Faculty Housing, San Francisco, CA:** Analyzed and made recommendations regarding accessibility for a housing project planned on an extremely steep site.
- **Au Bon Pain, Boston, MA:** Managed the accessibility review of representative properties and the development of Universal Design Guidelines.

**1989 - 1996**

Principal - Katherine McGuinness & Associates, Inc., Waltham, MA.  
Managed ADA compliance planning projects for public sector, corporate, and other private sector clients with complex, multi-use facilities. Projects included:

- **Light Rail Accessibility Program, Boston, MA:** Conducted access audits and played a major role in the development of accessible design guidelines, criteria, and standards for the three station design consultant

teams for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority.

- **Accessibility to Commuter Boat Facilities, Boston, MA:** Researched and made recommendations for ship-to-shore access for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority. Managed this project, including research on international state-of-the-art accessible facility design, development of accessibility guidelines and criteria, and access system alternatives for the MBTA's Hingham Commuter Boat Terminal.
- **Blue Line Rapid Transit Station Modernization, Boston, MA:** Coordinated access audits and developed barrier free removal recommendations for several Blue Line Stations for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority. Reviewed plans for compliance with accessible design standards.
- **Massachusetts Port Authority ADA Compliance Study, Boston, MA:** Supervised the assessment of all Massport facilities, including Logan International Airport and Hanscom Civil Air Terminal, as part of the development of an ADA Self-Evaluation Report and Transition Plan. Included review of all transportation programs, access audits of airport and other facilities, and recommendations on programmatic and architectural barrier removal.
- **Baltimore/Washington International Airport, Baltimore, MD:** Project supervisor for developing recommendations for ADA compliant signage and strategies for accessible boarding and disembarking from commuter aircrafts at the Baltimore/Washington International Airport and the Martin State Airport.
- **Stride Rite Intergenerational Day Care Center, Cambridge, MA:** Managed development of nation's first corporate based intergenerational day care center.
- **Newton Senior Center, Newton, MA:** Managed furniture selection for new consolidated center.
- **Lahey Clinic, Burlington, MA:** Reviewed and analyzed a multi-volume audit report prepared for the clinic to differentiate and prioritize the recommended access improvements.
- **Shattuck Hospital, Boston, MA:** Managed the identification of jurisdictional issues related to state and federal accessibility codes triggered by alterations planned in employee areas and public portions of the state hospital.
- **City of Medford, Medford, MA:** Managed development of an ADA Transition Plan. Supervised access audits of all municipal facilities, including schools, parks, library, senior center, theater, fire stations, and city sidewalks.
- **Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI:** Provided technical expertise to enable RISD to develop its ADA Readily Achievable Access Plan, and trained college personnel to conduct access audits.
- **John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, Boston, MA:** Managed development of an ADA Access Master Plan for the 5,000,000-square-foot home office complex. A multi-use complex, it includes corporate and leased offices, restaurants, health club, theater, conference center, training center, retail space and hotel.

- 1984 - 1989** Project Manager - Marc Harrison Associates, Portsmouth, RI: Managed development of products and environments for people with disabilities. Managed the evaluation of products involved in liability litigation.
- 1983 - 1984** Senior Industrial Designer - J.H. Ladd Center, Exeter, RI: Directed the development and production of adaptive products for persons with severe physical disabilities. Evaluated accessibility needs and established guidelines for fifteen group homes for people with multiple disabilities.
- 1974 - 1981** Furniture Designer - South Bay, Inc., Boston, MA.
- MEMBERSHIPS** International Code Council  
American Association of Airport Executives  
Aging - Human Factors Society, Technical Group Member  
Environments - Human Factors Society, Technical Group Member
- FACULTY** Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA, Instructor of Industrial Design, 1984 - 1990