



Helen J. Kessler, FAIA, LEED Accredited Professional

Helen J. Kessler, AIA is Principal of HJKessler Associates, Inc. She has over 25 years experience in sustainable design, energy efficiency and renewable energy and is a nationally recognized LEED/green building design consultant. She was one of the first architects in Chicago to work with LEED and routinely facilitates design charrettes and provides sustainable design assistance and LEED documentation. Kessler is an expert in energy efficiency, building commissioning and lighting design and is adept at facilitating an integrated approach to resource efficient design with the goal of maximizing efficiency of building systems and minimizing costs. (LEED stands for the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System.)

She has participated variously as sustainable design team leader, lighting designer, energy efficiency consultant and commissioning authority on numerous LEED projects including the Platinum-rated Chicago Center for Green Technology, the Cook County Domestic Violence Courthouse, the first two Chicago Public Libraries to be designed to LEED criteria, the Museum of Broadcast Communications, Exelon's corporate headquarters, the Orland Park Police Headquarters, Westinghouse High School in Chicago, the first LEED Target store in Chicago, Northwestern University's Institute of Proteomics and Nanobiotechnology, the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston and many others. Kessler has written over 100 articles on green building, energy efficiency and solar energy and has given over 100 presentations on these subjects.

Kessler chaired the Energy Code Committee, which created Chicago's first energy code, and was a voting member on ASHRAE's commissioning guideline committee for *Guideline 0 - The Building Commissioning Process*. She currently chairs the US Green Building Council Chicago Chapter's Education and Research committee and is a past chair of the Chicago AIA Committee on the Environment. She is a Board member of Commercial Real Estate Executive Women of Chicago (CREW).

Helen is a licensed architect and has a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Arizona and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.