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EXPERIENCE

With over 15 years of diverse architectural and construction-related experience, Ms. Hotta brings a specialized level of expertise to cost estimating for construction defect litigation services.

Ms. Hotta's general construction knowledge and experience was developed concurrently with her formal education. Between school sessions at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, she interned with a general contracting firm in Honolulu, Hawaii. A part of that work experience included general office coordination, jobsite observation, estimates and bidding for several projects under construction. The project types during this period included the Fire Safety Retrofit for University of Hawaii at Honolulu. Ms. Hotta was also involved in several HVAC system retrofit projects at various high schools throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

It is appropriate to note that during Ms. Hotta's formal educational training, she actively pursued additional studies at the Ecole Speciale d'Architecture, Paris, France, and the Athens Polytechnic, Athens, Greece. The focus of the study-abroad program was to develop a comprehensive understanding of the sociological influences of world history, architecture and urban planning. Ms. Hotta also visited strategic architectural sites in several countries within Europe as well as in Egypt and Turkey.

In 1993, Ms. Hotta graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She was a member of the Golden Key Honor Society and the National Dean's Honor List.



AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

During her tenure with Bert L. Howe & Associates, Inc., Ms. Hotta has provided specialized technical support for many different types of forensic investigations. In addition to providing detailed onsite analysis and documentation, she has assumed a leadership role in the format and preparation of a highly specialized repair cost estimate work product. Further, she has developed advanced methodologies for computer database integration and extraction of specialized information relevant to the forensic work product.

Ms. Hotta has developed specialized techniques for quantification and presentation protocol and assumes responsibility for in-house training for protocol consistency and work product accuracy. Ms. Hotta has made significant contributions to many successfully mediated settlements through specialized research of building products, mechanics of materials, and building code compliance. She has a thorough understanding of specialized chemical compositions of advanced waterproofing products and materials.

Ms. Hotta has actively participated in ongoing expert meetings and mediations. She has developed advanced research techniques to strengthen the development of issue analysis, contractual scope of services research, and apportionment documentation.