

Collaborative Lighting, LLC - Firm Description

Founded in 2004, Collaborative Lighting, LLC is a design firm based on the belief that great lighting design is a product of collaborative effort between all design professions. Our focus as members of a design team is to facilitate and encourage that collaborative synergy throughout every project, while recognizing each perspective's own unique requirements, scope, and budget. Great lighting design is one result, as well as lasting relationships with some of the best architects, interior designers, owners, & contractors.



As testified by our body of work and varied interests (theatre, landscape architecture, carpentry, computer technologies and photography), we are spurred to continually augment our skills and our contextual awareness of form, function and lighting technologies. We are ongoingly renewing our passion & expertise, all the while honing our ability to respond and adapt to the demands of today's fast-paced design process. As we create & develop relationships with our clients, we learn how best to contribute powerfully, efficiently, and appropriately.

As lighting is often regarded as ethereal, its properties potentially difficult to understand and perceive, we often find it necessary to illustrate the intent of our lighting design. We regularly urge our clients to set aside some funds and time to allow us to undertake a 'mock-up' of the lighting effects that we are proposing, as we find that this is often the clearest way for the lighting intent to be communicated. We understand this may not always be feasible, so we pride ourselves on our ability to communicate verbally and visually with our clients such that they are readily able to understand and appreciate the intent of the lighting design.

We embrace Frank Lloyd Wright's assertion that lighting is the fourth dimension of architecture, that when sensitively integrated, it "conveys the spirit of a building and enables the activities of its occupants". With our understanding of the many properties and possibilities of light, we are able to not only transform our client's visions into reality, but also to engage in the fundamental transformation of one's understanding of architectural space.



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