

# Kathren VanDeWeert

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**Licensed Architect | Littleton, CO**

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Licensed architect with over a decade of diverse design experience spanning custom residential, multi-family, tenant improvement, historic preservation, and government office projects. Passionate about translating human needs into thoughtful, beautiful spaces that elevate everyday life. Expert in Revit and Enscape for immersive visualizations, with deep knowledge of building codes, ADA, and BOMA standards. Holds degrees in architecture and psychology, offering a unique lens on how environments shape experience. Known for building strong client relationships, collaborating with empathy, and leading with integrity. Proficient in project management tools including Procore and Buildertrend, with additional expertise in BIM material take-offs, cost estimating, and sustainable design frameworks such as LEED, Green Globes, and GSA standards.

## EDUCATION

**University of Colorado, Denver, CO** — *Master of Architecture (2009)*

**University of Colorado, Denver, CO** — *Bachelor of Arts, Psychology (1998)*

## SOFTWARE

- *Design & Visualization:* Revit, Enscape, SketchUp, Photoshop
- *Project Management:* Procore, Buildertrend
- *Documentation & Presentation:* Bluebeam Revu, InDesign

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Defined by Design, Denver, CO** — *Lead Architect & Designer*

September 2024 - Present

- Lead architectural design and construction documentation for high-end kitchen and bathroom renovations and great room additions.
- Collaborate closely with clients to refine spatial layouts, material palettes, and lighting strategies tailored to their lifestyle and aesthetic preferences.
- Manage finish selections and interior detailing for new residential builds, coordinating with contractors, vendors, and suppliers throughout the process.
- Develop 3D visualizations using Revit and Enscape to communicate design intent and guide client decisions from concept to completion.

**Wood and Nails Design, LLC, Littleton, CO** — *Architect & Freelance Designer*

February 2024 - September 2024

- Delivered custom design solutions for residential remodels, including kitchens and basements, from concept through permitting.
- Led tenant improvement design for a medical office space, balancing user needs, code compliance, and budget constraints.
- Created project visuals using Revit and Enscape to support client presentations and decision-making.
- Managed project documentation, interior finish selection, and consultant coordination throughout design development.
- Designed and launched a firm website to showcase portfolio work and support client engagement.

**Revolve Design-Build, Wheatridge, CO** — *Designer, Custom Residential Home Design*

January 2021 - February 2024

- Translated client visions into custom new builds, additions, and remodels, guiding each project from concept to construction.
- Led feasibility studies, programming, and space planning; developed conceptual budgets using BIM material take-offs.
- Facilitated schematic design sessions and charrettes, incorporating VR walk-throughs and Revit-based drawings to support client decision-making.
- Produced and presented multiple design options within BIM models for client review and selection.
- Managed interior finish selection from initial design boards through client approvals, supplier pricing, and final renderings.
- Coordinated closely with structural and mechanical consultants during design development.
- Prepared construction documents for submittal to authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs).
- Supported construction administration with on-site field verification, timely responses to contractor questions, and clear documentation of change orders.

**The Abo Group, Inc., Lakewood, CO** — *Designer/Project Coordinator*

September 2014 – January 2021

- Led design development and virtual presentations for FDA office and lab renovations, offering multiple design options for stakeholder review.
- Managed full design and consultant coordination for the renovation of 10 floors of federal office space at the Denver Federal Center, consolidating workspace per GSA P100 standards.
- Assessed Federal Center facilities for LEED Gold potential; applied BOMA and ADA standards to assess and recommend improvements for City and County of Denver properties.
- Collaborated with a behavioral therapist to design a residential treatment facility for high-risk families.
- Produced winning concept for the adaptive reuse of Cableland Mansion into the official residence of the Mayor of Denver.
- Authored and illustrated the architectural portion of the City of Fountain Design Guidelines.
- Delivered historic preservation designs for multiple civic projects, including the Brighton Train Depot and Woodbury Branch Library.
- Prepared construction documents and consultant coordination for the Fruitdale School Lofts restoration—recognized with the 2019 ULI Colorado Impact Award for Infill.
- Designed a retail space for Dazbog Coffee, complying with the rigorous review process of Denver International Airport.

**Compass Insurance Group, LLC, Centennial, CO** — *Customer Service Rep*

August 2011 – September 2014

- Provided licensed commercial insurance support, ensuring accurate documentation and compliance.
- Collaborated with the sales team to address client needs quickly and effectively in a fast-paced office setting.
- Interpreted policy requirements and delivered responsive, detail-oriented customer service.

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request