

CURRICULUM VITAE

Christopher Capobianco

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

A fourth generation floor covering specialist, Christopher Capobianco grew up in the floor covering industry, with both grandfathers and then his parents owning floor covering retail stores. His resume includes retail and architectural sales, technical support manager, writer, inspector, educator and activist. His writings have appeared in a number of magazines, newspapers and newsletters, including his current regular columns in Floor Covering Installer and Coverings. He has spoken at seminars, conventions and trade shows, and designed and taught Continuing Education programs for architects, inspectors, salespeople and installers.

He is recognized in the industry as an authority on resilient floor covering issues and the relationship of concrete floors to floor covering installations, and has continued to upgrade his knowledge by regularly attending training seminars and industry educational events – sometimes as an attendee, and sometimes as a presenter. He has dedicated his career to improving the industry - as a way of giving back to the industry, and as a means of educating himself and developing a deeper understanding of the many products, problems and issues in the industry today. To that end, Christopher volunteers time and energy to a number of associations dedicated to education and making a difference in the industry.

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

Founded Flooring Answers in 2004

- Inspections, Trouble shooting, failure analysis, concrete testing, project management
- Technical support for manufacturers of Cork, Vinyl, Rubber, Hardwood and Adhesive, including creation of specifications, telephone technical support, inspections and site visits.
- Training and continuing education programs:
 - Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC) approved instructor and approved school.
 - Experienced developer of American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) courses and trained as an AIA/CES auditor.

MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Commercial sales to architects, interior designers and flooring dealers/contractors.

1992-2000: Company employee of two different resilient flooring manufacturers.

2007-present - Owner of New York Surfaces, independent manufacturer's representative.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT MANAGER

Company employee for resilient flooring manufacturer including complaint inspections; design and creation of technical documents, implementation and instruction of training programs.

1992-1997 (part time) and 2000-2004 (full time)

FLOOR COVERING RETAILER (1971-1992)

Fifteen years of full time experience and six years of part time experience:

Apprentice installer of carpet, vinyl and hardwood flooring, window treatment installer, area rug fabrication, deliveries, store maintenance, sales and management responsibilities and operations responsibilities such as installation scheduling, inventory, invoicing and receiving.

JOURNALIST, WRITER

- Regular columnist on resilient floor covering installation for Floor Covering Weekly (1989-1992), Flooring (1992-1998), National Floor Trends and Floor Covering Installer (2003-present), Coverings Magazine (2007-present)
- Guest columnist for The Flooring Contractor, Commercial Flooring Report, LIFCA News, FCICA Bottom Line, Floor Covering News, Standardization News, Interior Environment Connections, The Commercial Flooring Report Retail Store Construction, Maintenance Solutions
- Assisted in the creation of *Guide to Developing a Written Hazard Communications Program for Floor Covering Retailers and Installers*, published by Floor Covering Weekly, 1992.

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- Task Group Chair for revisions to ASTM F 710, *Standard Practice for Preparing Concrete Floors to receive Resilient Floor Coverings* (since 1996)
- Assisted in the Creation of *Resilient Floor Covering Floor Covering Installation Training (FIT) program*, published by FCICA, 2004.

EDUCATOR

- Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC)
 - Instructor, Resilient Floor Inspector (RFI)
 - Instructor, Introduction to Substrate/Subfloor Inspections (ISSI)
- Created and instructed floor covering installer training program and numerous seminars for installers, architects, retailers and interior designers.
- Created carpet and resilient flooring installation training programs for Vo-Tech Adult Education School: Solicited industry participation, secured state funding, supervised instructors and served as instructor of *Installing Vinyl Floor Covering*, a 98 hour introductory course. (1986-1992). Received New York State Council on Vocational Education (NYSCOVE) award for this work
- Created and instructed American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) courses for several companies (2000-2006).
- Created and instructed ongoing installer training program for major manufacturer of resilient floor coverings (2000-2004).
- Speaker at numerous conferences and trade shows

CERTIFICATIONS

- Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC):
 - Resilient Floor Inspector (RFI)
 - Introduction to Substrate/Subfloor Inspections (ISSI)
 - Instructor, RFI and ISSI courses
- Resilient Floor Covering Institute:
 - Certified Instructor of Resilient Floor Covering Installers
- World of Concrete:
 - Master of Concrete Floors
- American Institute of Architects
 - Auditor of AIA/CES programs
- Academy of Textiles and Flooring
 - Resilient Floor Inspector

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Volunteer work within the floor covering industry includes:

- ASTM International Committee F.06 on Resilient Floor Coverings (since 1993):
 - Served on Executive Committee, Chair of two standards task groups.
- The Floor Covering Contractors Association (FCICA):
 - Chairman (Since March 2005)
 - Board of Directors (2002-2005)
 - Chair, Floorcovering Installation Training (FIT) curriculum committee 2002-2004
- Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC):
 - Technical Assistance Committee Chair for the Resilient Flooring Inspector program

AWARDS, CERTIFICATIONS, TRAINING

- Two time recipient, Greater New York Floor Coverers Association award "For Outstanding Service to the Floor Covering Industry" (2001 and 2002)
- LIFCA award of appreciation as newsletter editor.
- Habitat for Humanity "Master Builder" Award.
- New York State Council on Vocational Education (NYSCOVE) award
- Armstrong World Industries: Award of Appreciation