

# Vincent J. Proby, AIA

## His Biography, circa 1980



"Give one hundred percent, or nothing," describes the life-style of Vincent J. Proby Jr.

His usual work day consists of at least fourteen hours, often seven days per week. Vincent was born in Wichita, Texas. He moved with his family to Los Angeles at a very early age. He attended Los Angeles Public schools, Los Angeles Junior College, and the University of Southern California, with a major in Architecture. His military career encompassed two years.

Proby's architectural experiences began with private firms. He served as Project Manager for many prominent buildings, among which are the Los Angeles Sports Arena and the Las Vegas Airport.

Twenty-five years ago, he commenced private practice. He designed many projects within the state of California. Among them are the following: several buildings within the Los Angeles Unified School District, several on the U.C.L.A. campus, Los Angeles City College, Pierce Junior College, Southwest Junior College, the Scripps Institute (San Diego); various buildings in the City of Compton, and the Compton Unified School District.

This vast number of projects also includes Bank of America branches, the Bilbrew Library (located on El Segundo Blvd) the Afro-American Museum (located in Exposition Park), which was co-designed with architect Jack Hayward. Proby's designs include many medical buildings, churches, mortuaries, private homes, children's centers, shopping malls, barracks, and various Marine Corps facilities at Camp Pendleton.

Proby was the first minority person ever appointed to the State Board of Architectural Examiners, and served for eight years. During that period, he was elected and served as Secretary, Vice-President, and President. He also served on a number of different committees for the National Board of Architectural Examiners, during which time he initiated many services and assisted in writing the National and California architectural examinations. He has been serving as an examination grader for ten years.

Proby holds a California Teaching Credential, and served for many years as guest teacher for several state and private universities,

During his career, Proby has received many outstanding awards, some of which are:

- Community Architect, presented by the State of California.
- Leadership Award, presented by the State Board of Architectural Examiners.

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- Act-So Award, presented by the California Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P.
- Resolution, presented by the City of Los Angeles.
- Resolution, presented by the Honorable Julian C. Dixon.
- Commemoration Award, presented by the Honorable Kenneth Hahn.

Proby dedicated many years of his life to assisting and training people in various professions. He is a devoted husband, father, and son; a caring, loving brother, a trusting and sincere friend to many relations and friends.