

FERNANDO CASTREJON

QUALIFICATIONS/OBJECTIVE

Retail and design industry professional with a record of company growth & sales increase. With proven leadership capabilities, looking to obtain a management position which will utilize sales, design, customer service experience and creative abilities for product display & merchandising.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Karademas Management

Aurora, IL (2014-Present)

Operations Manager/ Lead Interior Designer

- In charge of daily operations of all Karademas Management properties
- Responsible for remodeled apartment layouts and finishes at Leland Tower and Graham Building
- Interior designer for Elk's Building renovation
- Completed design for Bluebird Coffee and Leland Legends restaurant

Design Element

Aurora, IL (2002-Present)

Owner

- Currently concentrating on residential design, space planning & cost estimating
- Responsible for hiring tradesmen for house renovation and room additions
- On-site supervisor for on-going construction and installations

Artifex Gallery

Naperville, IL (1991-2002)

Owner/Operator

- Operated successful Gallery/Custom Framing retail store. Including a staff of five people
- Oversaw major accounts including McDonald's, Motorola, Buona Beef & Turano Bakery
- Design Consultant for McDonald's Great Lakes Division
- Ensured a team atmosphere & maintained positive employee relations
- Fostered & maintained strong business relations with all suppliers

Ethan Allen Company

Countryside, IL (1987-1991)

Interior Designer

- Successfully prepared client presentations, which included space planning, color scheme selection and room design of homes & offices
- Correlated installation & delivery schedules with contractors and suppliers
- Part of award-winning sales staff, with National recognition

EDUCATION

Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

Bilingual Studies Fluent in Spanish

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Co-chaired in various fund raising committees which collected donations in excess of \$95,000 for nine consecutive years for the following:
 - Little Friends –Naperville, Western DuPage Recreation Association – Carol Stream
 - Wayside Cross Ministries- Lifespring Women's division-Aurora
 - Fox Valley Garden Club-President