
MITCH TAYLOR BIOGRAPHY

Title: **Director of Architectural Services**
Inspector, Woodwork Institute

Mitch's family has been in the woodworking business since 1929. Mitch started working at Taylor Millwork and Stair Co., as a teenager in Junior High, tailing off and sweeping up, and found that tailing off on the straight line through a unit of 8/4 red oak is a good way to build upper body strength. He went to work full time in 1974 after attending Cal State Dominguez Hills. Mitch started out in the mill, and worked his way up to mill foreman. He then transitioned to the cabinet department, starting with cutting and machining panel product and moving on to cabinet assembly and installation. Once he had a solid knowledge of cabinets and joinery, he went on to the stair department. After working in the shop and as an installer, he moved on to layout and design. In 1980, he was promoted to working as a job captain for commercial cabinet and millwork jobs.

In 1983, Steve Taylor, Ross Taylor and Mitch started Taylor Brothers Stair Co. Mitch continued to run the cabinet and millwork department for several years before the business shifted almost entirely to stairs in 1990. Taylor Brothers worked on many high end residential and commercial projects in the Southern California area, with some larger projects in Oregon, Washington, Texas and Hawaii. Mitch was involved in all aspects of the business, from sales and estimating to design and fabrication. The most interesting part was the design and engineering, particularly on projects requiring unique solutions to difficult situations and design parameters. It was a source of pride to be known for doing projects no one else was willing or able to take on.

In 2003, Taylor Brothers closed. Mitch went to work with SMI Millwork, where Bob Stolo decided to keep the stair business going and started Taylor Stair Co as a new company. Mitch set up a new shop, keeping the same standards and tradition of quality set by Taylor Millwork and Taylor Brothers. He ran the shop at Taylor Stair up until 2011, and supervised the construction of many fine residential and commercial projects, including stairs, paneling and millwork.

Mitch is looking forward to working for Woodwork Institute, and continuing it's efforts to further the high quality standards set by the institute through the AWS. The Taylor family has a tradition of service with Woodwork Institute dating back to the 1950s and the first Manual of Millwork, and he intends the carry on in that spirit.