



## CERTIFIED ACCESS SPECIALISTS

Lars Andersen & Associates, Inc. is one of a few firms in California that currently has a Certified Access Specialist on staff and enables us to provide CASp Inspection Reports for our clients in the State of California.

A CASp Inspection Report provides facilities that are not currently subject to ADA Litigation a source of protection should ADA Litigation commence in the future. Lars Andersen is able to provide a CASp Inspection Report as part of a project's Due Diligence which can be of great benefit to a client researching potential project sites prior to a financial commitment, the report will identify and list code violations which may result in cost exposure.

One of the greatest benefits of having a CASp Inspection Report prior to litigation is that should litigation ensue, it allows a business with a CASp Inspection Report the opportunity to make an immediate request for a Court Stay and Early Evaluation Conference, thereby eliminating the need to incur wasteful attorneys' fees.

In order for a business to avail itself of the litigation protections set forth in Senate Bill 1608, a business must have the CASp Inspection Report. The relevant law provides: "[I]f the construction-related accessibility claim pertains to a site that has been inspected by a Certified Access Specialist...and you have an inspection report for that site, you may make an immediate request for a court stay and early evaluation conference...." California Civil Code Section 55.54(a) (1). In fact, every CASp who conducts a CASp Inspection will provide a building owner or tenant with a notice making the building owner/tenant aware of the importance of the CASp Inspection Report.

Our Firm fully comprehends the issues that may be in need of correction to adhere to ADA Compliance and our CASp Inspection Report will address in detail required repairs, replacements, etc., that will to be done to each item in order for that particular item to become ADA Compliant. For example, if the mirror in the women's bathroom needed to be lowered by 2 inches, we would have an actual photo of that non-compliant item with a highlight showing the dimension and direction for the relocation of a mirror. Likewise, if the pressure of the door for opening needs to be decreased to meet compliance, we would identify replacement components to meet this requirement.

Be assured that Lars Andersen & Associates, Inc. has the expertise to assist with your ADA concerns. Our experienced and certified team is capable of both identifying issues and addressing the means for correction.

Our background of 70 years of Civil Engineering experience allows us to offer this service with an unparalleled understanding of the subject. This feature is available in conjunction with our other services, or can be offered independently. Let us assist you in making your facilities ADA Compliant to promote access and avoid meritless lawsuits.

