

HISTORICAL LANDMARK, NEW CONSTRUCTION

Ando House



DETAILS

WORK

Acted as General Contractor and also self-performed the architectural concrete

LOCATION

Chicago, IL

BUDGET AND SCOPE

Price: \$6.4M; 6,000 SQFT

OWNER

Private Individual

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER

- Tadao Ando—Booth Hanson (Architect)
- Wiss Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (SE)

PROBLEM

Ando House is the first ever structure in the U.S. designed by Tadao Ando, the award-winning Japanese architect, specializing in concrete buildings. Every aspect of its construction required perfection and Zera was called in when the first GC fell short of this standard.

SOLUTION

- All finished walls & ceilings were smooth-finished architectural concrete, with all mechanical piping buried within
- Walls had to be perfectly framed to accommodate 6" x 6" bathroom tile that were forbidden from being cut
- Wood & slate flooring with high-end millwork installed alongside ornamental metalwork and a custom curtain wall system
- Interesting architectural features: a 60' post tensioned concrete beam (cast on site), pre-cast concrete pool ramps, a large reflecting pool, and a sloping garden adjacent to the library
- This project was performed on a time and material basis



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