

Dr. Yarmus has more than thirty years of experience in the industry of Engineering, Construction, Property Management, General Real Estate Appraising, and Rehabilitation of buildings, including tenure in positions such as Project Superintendent, Construction Manager, Vice President in Charge of Construction, Director of Building Rehabilitation, Chief Engineer, Director of Property Management and Chief Estimator.

Dr. Yarmus held Code Enforcement positions in two large cities and has built for various clients and employers, and under his own account. He is President of an Architectural and Engineering Consulting firm and is the founder of a Construction Corporation. He is a Professional Engineer licensed in eight states and holds four degrees in Engineering, including two Masters and a Doctorate.

His academic career began at Havana University where he completed his first year in Civil Engineering. He completed 217 credits at the City University of New York and received a Bachelor in Engineering (Civil), a Masters in Engineering (Structural) and a Masters in Business (for Engineers). At the time, the City University placed third in the nation in the ranking of Engineering Schools. Although the course work was sufficient for a Doctoral degree, the University did not offer that degree.

His education continued with courses in Building Codes, Building Inspections and in various environmental specialties including Asbestos, Lead and Radon. Building courses were mostly taken at Rutgers University and environmental courses at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Starting in the fall of 1982 and continuing through the end of 1983, not being able to formalize his wish to achieve his Doctorate at City University because the curriculum was still unavailable, he obtained 39 additional credits and completed the dissertation at Columbia Pacific University where he received his Ph.D. in Engineering and Management. Dr. Yarmus is currently a professor in the masters program at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Since 1984, additional courses and subsequent City and State exams enabled him to obtain various licenses including Site Safety Management, Asbestos Investigations, Planning and Management, and General Real Estate Appraising. Courses included seminars in Building Failures, the New York City Building Code, Industrial Hygiene, Safety, Heating, Plumbing, Fire Prevention Systems, etc.

He is a Professional Engineer licensed in eight states. He is a licensed Professional Planner, a licensed Site Safety Manager, and a licensed Heating and Cooling contractor. He is also certified as a Safety Professional by the Certification and Accreditation Board of the World Safety Organization and as a Safety Engineer by the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Dr. Yarmus is a Fellow of and a published author with the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is accredited as a Diplomate of the National Academy of Forensic Engineers. He has been a referee of the Technical Council on Computer Practices, a Registered Mortgage Underwriter, and is a New York State Licensed and Certified Real Estate General Appraiser. Doctor Yarmus is also a member of the Builders Institute, the American Concrete Institute, the American Association of Certified Appraisers, the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers, the National Association of Review Appraisers and Mortgage Underwriters, the National Society of Professional Engineers (Past President), the New York State Building Officials Conference (Past President), the American Arbitration Association, the American Society for Testing and Materials, the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers, and the National Fire Protection Association. He was awarded the Engineering Manager of the Year designation for 1991-1992 by the New York State Society of Professional Engineers.

James Yarmus was Chairman of the Fire Prevention and Building Code Board of Appeals, under Governor Cuomo's administration, from 1984 to 1992. He is currently one of seven expert members appointed by Governor George Pataki and confirmed by the New York State Senate to the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Codes Council, a Governor-designated, policy making position in the State of New York. One of the seven experts on the Council must be a licensed engineer, and Dr. Yarmus was selected from the 25,000 Professional Engineers in the State. The Council promulgates, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, all building and fire regulations for the New York State Code. The Department of State has also certified him as a Code Enforcement Official and as a Codes Instructor. He has served as an Arbitrator in cases relative to Valuation, Buildings, and Construction disputes.