

# Linda Brown, FCSI

*"For your contagious enthusiasm in teaching the philosophy and principles of construction documents and practice to owners, design professionals, contractors, and manufacturers; for creating comprehensive, multi-disciplinary specifications for unique and complex projects, incorporating knowledge gained from your students; and for your improvement of CSI education documents as a member of the Institute Education Committee, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 23rd day of April 2004."*  
Chicago, Illinois



LINDA ELLIS BROWN is an independent specification consultant. She was first exposed to specification writing in the late 1970s when asked by her late architect husband, Terry Brown, to put his specifications on the computer. After several years as a CSI spouse, Linda Brown became a member of the St. Louis Chapter CSI.

She graduated Dominican College in New Orleans, Louisiana, with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and worked on a Master of Arts degree at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

With her late husband serving as her first mentor, Linda Brown began studying specification writing in the early 1980s. She learned the principles and practices of specifications through CSI education courses and University of Wisconsin School of Engineering Extension construction documents courses, and was mentored by other CSI colleagues in the late 1980s. When the opportunity presented itself, Linda expanded her specifying skills and knowledge to include the engineering as well as architectural disciplines.

Linda began teaching certification classes after becoming a CCS in the late 1980s. She continues to teach construction documents, specification practices, and construction administration courses to architects and engineers and is often asked to bring her courses into architectural and engineering offices.

At Visitation Academy in St. Louis, she taught math, science, and computers to elementary school students, and coached the high school swim team. She served as hockey mom for her son's youth hockey team, swim mom for her daughter's USS swim team, golf mom for their junior golf team, and Girl Scout leader.

Brown was a team scorer for her country club's annual Cherries Jubilee golf tournament and chaired the Swim Committee for the club's swim team. She was the Swim Conference Meet Director for five years. Linda chaired the player hospitality for the PGA Las Vegas Invitational and Senior PGA golf tournaments. She was a computer score recorder for the Collegiate Golf Tournament held in Las Vegas.

## **CSI Membership**

St. Louis Chapter, 1985-1991  
Chicago Chapter, 1991-1993  
Las Vegas Chapter, 1993-1997  
Member at Large, 1997-2022

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

Chicago Chapter Vice President, FY 1993-1994  
Las Vegas Chapter President, FY 1997

## **Awards**

### **Institute**

Specifications Competition Honor Award (2)  
Certificate of Merit and Appreciation  
Certificate of Appreciation  
President's Plaque

## **Region**

North Central Region Director's Certificate of Appreciation  
Southwest Region Certificate of Appreciation

## **Chapter**

St. Louis Chapter Certificate of Appreciation (2)  
Central Illinois Chapter Certificate of Appreciation (2)  
Charleston Chapter Certificate of Appreciation  
Milwaukee Chapter Merit Award  
Chicago Chapter Certificate of Appreciation and Service  
Las Vegas Chapter:  
Chapter Education Award (2)  
Special Certificate of Appreciation  
Certificate of Appreciation  
Outstanding Professional Member Award  
Chapter President's Citation  
Certificate of Merit