

KKE Architects Names Eight Staffers as Associates

Minneapolis -- KKE Architects, Inc. Board of Directors has promoted eight staff members to the title of associate: Roxanne DeCoster, Cara Erickson, Greg James, Sean Lathrop, Greg Mendoza, Matthew Streed, Josh Tickenoff and Paola Volpis.

Roxanne DeCoster

Interiors Group, Minneapolis

Re-joining KKE in 2006, DeCoster has nearly 14 years of cumulative service with the firm. Throughout her 29-year career, she has gained a strong knowledge of project planning, programming, and interior design. She currently works closely with the firm's Government/Justice and Corporate business units.

DeCoster is an award-winning, commercial certified interior designer (CID) and a LEED Accredited Professional through the U.S. Green Building Council. She also is a member of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA), the National Association of Industrial Office Properties (NAIOP), and the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design.

DeCoster's clients include Mower, Wright and Hennepin counties, Nasseff Specialty Center in St. Paul, and Westwood Elementary School in Zimmerman, which was the first building certified under the LEED® Green Building Rating System™ in Minnesota.

Cara Erickson

Interiors Group, Minneapolis

Erickson joined KKE in 2004. Her diverse experience gained from 20+ years in the commercial interior design industry has enhanced KKE's interior design team. Erickson works closely with the Corporate, Higher Education, and Medical business units. She also plays a significant role in supporting KKE's LEED initiatives, most recently with the Elk River Community Library, which applied for LEED Gold certification. Erickson is NCIDQ certified and a member of IFMA and the IIDA.

Erickson's notable clients include the University of Minnesota Medical School, University of Minnesota Physicians, Minneapolis Public Libraries, and the Mall of America.

Greg James

Commercial Development Group, Irvine, Calif.

One of the firm's newest staff members, James joined KKE in 2007 and supports the Commercial Development team in Southern California. He plays an integral role in the firm's successful growth in the retail market on the West Coast.

Sean Lathrop

Commercial Development Group, Minneapolis

Lathrop has been with KKE since 2004, working on a variety of commercial projects. He is a member of the NAIOP and the Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA). He has played a significant role in the growth of the firms' design for financial environments, working on such projects as M&I Bank.

Greg Mendoza

Commercial Development Group, Pasadena, Calif.

Mendoza also joined KKE in 2006, contributing his master planning, design vision and strong graphic design abilities. Bringing international experience to the firm, he has lead design efforts on KKE's customers' projects throughout China.

Matthew Streed

Hospitality, Recreation and Entertainment & Education Groups, Minneapolis

Streed began his career at KKE in 2001 while a student at the University of Minnesota, becoming a full-time employee in 2004 after receiving his master's degree in architecture. His strong knowledge of computer graphics and schematic design has contributed to the success of several of the firm's casino and resort projects.

Josh Tickenoff

Private Development Group, Irvine, Calif.

Tickenoff celebrates a decade of service with KKE. He currently supports the hotel team on the Huntington Beach W Hotel project and works with the CAD committee to help maintain the highest standards for KKE's work.

Paola Volpis

Commercial Development Group, Pasadena, Calif.

Volpis joined KKE in 2003 as one of the first employees in the Pasadena office. He has applied his 3-D graphics experience as the lead designer on projects including HK Town, The W Hotel, and W Residents in Huntington Beach, Calif.

About KKE Architects, Inc.

KKE Architects, Inc. is a full-service firm providing a wide range of architectural, interior design and comprehensive planning services. Founded in 1968, this award-winning company has grown to become one of the Top 50 architectural firms in the country.

With offices in Minneapolis; Las Vegas; and Irvine and Pasadena, Calif., KKE's professional staff of 240 offers a unique blend of expertise across a broad range of strategically focused market segments encompassing Housing, Office, Retail, Industrial, Hospitality, Entertainment, Justice, Education and Healthcare design.

KKE continues to grow through an entrepreneurial spirit and a fundamental focus upon their clients' drivers...understanding their measure of success. For more information, visit www.kke.com.

###

KKE Architects' Media Contacts:

Heather West, 612-724-8760, heatherwest@earthlink.net

Stacy Downs, 612-336-9630, sdowns@kke.com