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The Interior Architecture Committee of the Chicago Chapter, American Institute of Architects (CCAIA) was formed in 1979. It was the third committee established nationally by an AIA Chapter; presently there are twelve such committees across the country.

The overall goal of the committee is to advance the profession of interior architecture. Specific areas of endeavor are student education, professional development, public awareness and recognition. Programs have included the annual Interior Architecture Awards, the annual Product Display Awards, traveling exhibits, tours, seminars and lectures. Many of these events are cosponsored with national design publications and other CCAIA committees.

The Interior Architecture Awards Program began in 1980 and received 38 entries. The second year drew 68 entries and in subsequent years the number increased to between 72 and 84. The awards are presented during NEOCON, most recently at The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in Fine Arts in Chicago. The committee and CCAIA staff also organize and produce a traveling local exhibit and poster of the award winners as well as a public relations program. The program has received extensive local and national press coverage over the years. The program format has been used as a "model" by other committees across the country when they have established their awards program.

This book, 5 Years of Interior Architecture Awards, and the related traveling exhibit celebrate the first five years of the program. The exhibit opened in October 1985 at The Museum of Science and Industry in conjunction with the CCAIA Distinguished Building Awards Program.

The committee thanks and acknowledges the companies which contributed the donations for this book; as well as the participating design firms; the CCAIA staff, Jane Lucas and Joan Gallagher; Garret Eakin and John Kurtich, who wrote the essay: Neil Frankel, who conceived the idea of the book and the many individuals and firms who have donated graphics, exhibit space and time.

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Victoria Behm Susan Dee Neil Frankel, AIA Jean Pullman Geddis Harry Gregory Kenneth E. Johnson Eva Maddox H. Starley McEntire, AIA Cynthia Winter Michael Youngman, AIA The tradition of architects completing building interiors dates back to the 1800s. Early in this century the interiors of Chicago architects such as Adler & Sullivan, David Adler, Holabird & Root and Marshall & Fox, were a major factor in the landmark status of their remaining oeuvre. Many Chicago architects are as well known for their furniture as their buildings. The furnishings of George Grant Elmslie, George Fred, & William Keck, George W. Maher, Mies van der Rohe and Frank Lloyd Wright are as prized as their buildings.

We spend the majority of our urban lives inside, and the design of interior space is critical to our well being. Designed well, they are integrated with the purpose of the building, enhance our pursuits, and enrich our lives. It is, therefore, with great pride the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects celebrates the accomplishments of our members with this publication commemorating the first five years of our Interior Architecture Awards program.

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by John Kurtich, AIA and Garret Eakin

The profession of Interior Architecture is the link between architecture and interior design. The professionals practicing in this area have created this term to express a holistic approach toward the completion of interior spaces. This approach, shared by many design professionals, has begun to produce a definition that is distinct from current practice. The following ideas comprise the elements of Interior Architecture.

The enclosing architecture is respected and consistently used as a point of departure.

Interior architecture deals with the shell of the building and how its contents relate to the whole.

Strong three dimensional development is characteristic of the design work.

The fourth dimension is generated as a conscious expansion of human experience in space and time.

Spaces of projects are thought of as complete in themselves regardless of shape, size or proportions.

Development of lighting is carefully considered to reinforce the architectural space.

Furnishings are rendered as an extension of the architecture.

Custom-design elements directly relating to the needs and esthetics of the space are clearly a mark of the movement.

**History** Throughout the history of architecture, the greatest buildings of every period share one feature in common; they were holistically conceived and executed as a matter of course. It is only in recent times that the unfortunate separation of architecture and interior design has occurred, a by-product of over specialization encouraged by the rise of large corporate design firms, the advent of large commercial space for an unknown tenant and, generally a lack of design follow-through of interiors by architects.

The Palace of Minos, Knossos, Crete (destroyed ca. 1400 B.C.), is an early example of a strong relationship between the interior and exterior of a building. Deep penetration of natural light insures this organization through light shafts, courtyards, colonnades, and stairs. The use of fresco wall-painting from inside to outside and consistent coloration of interior and exterior columns reinforces the unity of the architecture.

The Pantheon of Rome (120-124 A.D.) is a classic illustration of the conscious integration of the fourth dimension in architecture. Its interior space creates a remarkable human experience as a result of the ever moving projection of the sun through the oculus of the dome. The interior coffered surface of the dome reinforces the movement with appropriate foreshortened moldings.

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The cathedral of Notre Dame at Chartres, France (1194-1260 A.D.), is a powerful expression of three-dimensional space. Its soaring interior, illuminated by 160 stained glass windows, is symbiotically balanced by the structural rhythm of the exterior flying buttresses. The resultant distribution of solid and void, enhanced by the quality of light, achieves its unique three-dimensional unity of space and structure, becoming the symbol of its age.

The vestibule of the Biblioteca Lauranziana, Florence, Italy (1525-; staircase 1559), exemplifies a space which is complete in itself. Its unusual wall articulation reinforces the vestibule's individual character. This particular treatment expressed the Florentine tradition of the distinction between the primary structural system of columns and the secondary of wall surfaces, but Michelangelo has placed the coupled columns and superimposed pilasters in deep niches while allowing the wall areas between them to burst into the interior space with dynamic plasticity. The cascading staircase, which dominates the space, provides the only escape from the vestibule's powerful presence into a contrasting serenity of the library.

Charles Rennie Mackintosh designed buildings not as a single creative act, but as a process which recognized adaptation of the original design to suit any changing needs of the client when they occurred. When he created a building, he wanted to make sure the sequences of areas and volumes were brought to life and further subdivided to their greatest possible advantage. He was concerned with the smallest detail.



The Palace of Minos, Knossos, Crete.



The Pantheon, Rome, Italy.

Mackintosh was the architect for the entire scheme of the Willow Tea Rooms, Glasgow, Scotland (1903-1904). He designed not only the interiors and furniture but the structure itself. The most important aspect of Mackintosh's work was the unity of his designs. His furniture, fitted screens, and light fixtures all combined to create a fascinating tracery within the rooms themselves. The Tea Rooms exhibited his ability to differentiate one room from another for intended use and mood through his holistic approach to the design of space.

Frank Lloyd Wright was a master of space. His early prairie houses exhibit this sensitivity with their low spreading, hipped roofs, a great central chimney, and a complex arrangement of interlocking spaces grouped around the massive fireplace. Wright's genius was his ability to use light, air, and vista to create a sense of unity of space. He was concerned with the relationship of outside and inside with human proportions, making them occur naturally. He incorporated heating, lighting, and plumbing so that these systems became constituent parts of the building itself. He insisted on making the furnishings integral with the architecture.

A classic example of Wright's genius is the Unity Temple, Oak Park, Illinois (1905-1907). The architect was committed to integrating the interior and exterior, producing one of the greatest designs of the 20th century. He designed the building from the inside, allowing the exterior to express the interior's volume and massing. Light was very carefully considered to reinforce the interior space as not only does it intrude from the sides but also from the top as a kind of "egg crate" of skylights, expanding the space in all directions.

Le Corbusier had a clear vision about the design of human space. His vision incorporated social philosophy, city planning, residential architecture, and furniture design. He was concerned with color, natural light, proportion, and form. He is generally recognized as the 20th century master of form. His creation of architectural forms goes beyond reason and logic, as he is first the artist. He felt that the organization of form must be subjected to all the functional requirements, but then it must go beyond them in order to attain the plastic and the emotional.

The chapel of Notre Dame du Haut, Ronchamp, France (1950-1955), represents Le Corbusier's most vivid example of a building which transcends functions in order to express the mystical relationship between humanity and God. The building both



Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres, France.



Biblioteca Lauranziana, Florence, Italy.

protrudes out into space and embraces space. The interior and exterior spaces are sculpturally integrated with the play of natural light to increase the mystery of the religious experience.

**Current Practice** Understanding the essence of ideas from architectural history helps insure the continuity of holistic design. Today, often it is virtually impossible for one designer to singlehandedly complete large, multi-functional projects. Therefore it is the responsibility of the architect and the interior designer to understand each other's responsibility and objectives so that the design continuity is maintained. This positive relationship between design and architecture is exemplary in the Chicago Interior Architecture Awards.

> Five years of Interior Architecture Awards have exposed some of the most influential and fresh ideas in Chicago. These projects have set standards for subsequent dialogue and work. Many of these projects represent not only new directions in design, but also economic trends that are surfacing as new physical solutions. Therefore, the projects become milestones in a series of project types that are very influential in the architectural and design community.

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In 1980 Kenneth A. Schroeder Associates completed the conversion of the Mergenthaler Linotype Building into condominium lofts. This sensitive adaptive reuse project that retained and exploited the original character of the building with a new purpose was a pioneer for dozens to follow. The architects used the existing character of the building as a point of departure and integrated the new use, generating an intriguing relationship.

A few years ago the restoration of buildings was only considered for the most important historic architecture. Usually these special buildings had strong private and financial support. Today it is a matter of course to preserve architecture due to public opinion and economic viability. Skidmore, Owings and Merrill's restoration of the Leon Mandel Assembly Hall in 1981, is an inspiring example of preserving interior architecture. The intent of the project was to return the space to its original Victorian character integrating up-to-date technology. This sensitive rebuilding of our architectural heritage has blossomed into a major market for all design firms.

Corporate office interiors have not always been a mecca for innovative design. But the Landahl Group's Driehaus Research Associates project in 1982 showed the design community how a typical office program could be developed into a very sophisticated



Willow Tea Rooms, Glasgow, Scotland.

and progressive statement. The design basically reinterpreted the building architecture from its beautiful plan to the development of detail and selection of materials. The project has made the young firm known in the design community and flourish in this competitive market.

The MDC Wallcovering Showroom executed in 1983 by Eva Maddox Associates is an exciting example of how two-dimensional planes were developed into a delicate threedimensional composition. The sensitive balance between soft display wallcoverings and hard surrounding materials produced a very effective contrast emphasizing the product.

The exploitation of light was the key conceptual idea for the design of the Painted Apartment, 1984, by Krueck and Olsen, Architects. This landmark of residential design has given fresh meaning to architecture as art. The ever-changing quality of light was dramatized through the use of perforated metal screens, reflective surfaces, and curved glass block walls. Custom designed furnishings bolted to the floor completed the special character of this renovated high-rise apartment.

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Unity Temple, Oak Park, Illinois.

The future of Interior Architecture is exciting considering the dramatic increase in renovation, adaptive reuse, and preservation. One can expect to see this type of work continue to flourish due, in part, to the high cost of new construction and growing respect for our architectural heritage. These project types primarily require concentration of the design of interior space. As this trend persists, more designers will be attracted to this market. Evidence of this shift of focus is clearly evident in the major design publications. Also, many of the best young design firms are practicing Interior Architecture as a major portion of their work.

The body of work completed by these young firms has developed a new sense of creativity and competition within the architectural community. The spirit of enthusiasm didn't exist a few years ago, and in fact, interiors and renovations were considered less desirable in terms of architects' project preference. This work is very important now, not only because its results preserve the character of our towns and cities, but also because it is economically viable. This viability will increase the interest in renovation and ultimately challenge new construction with economic and esthetic advantages. A major change in the economy has shifted the emphasis from an industrial base to a service orientation. This is creating a wealth of industrial buildings in urban areas ripe for adaptive reuse. To convert these buildings into residential and office use will require a skillful Interior Architect or Designer.



Chapel of Notre Dame du Haut, Ronchamp, France.

The make up of the typical American household is not so typical anymore. The change to a much older population, two-income families, single parent families, single adult households, and doubling up of families is bringing tremendous pressure on the design professional to rethink residential design. Higher interest rates caused the "down-sized" house. This has resulted in smaller scaled space that must accommodate multiple functions. This trend will challenge the designer to be inventive and resourceful. The accessibility of electronic/video home entertainment systems has created the need for a re-evaluation of the traditional family room. Therefore, the designer must understand these systems and invent methods of integrating this high-tech equipment.

The advent of the electronic office, telecommunications, and computerization will demand office designs to be of equal sophistication. Professionals who understand these systems and are able to integrate them into the architecture will be in great demand. Also, the esthetics and needs of these new tools will become a rich source of conceptual inspiration for the creative designer.

The great masters of architecture were all known for their interiors as well as exteriors. We must return to this equality of interest in our educational institutions and professional life. The challenge of these new complex design problems will demand a qualified and motivated professional cleansed of the dogma and -isms of the past. The future of Interior Architecture is bright and expanding.

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Chicago, Illinois



The project consisted of the complete renovation of the 29th floor of the building at 333 North Michigan Avenue. The tower space was specifically selected to develop a working environment allowing a high degree of natural light into the drafting area from all directions. The plan allows for the space to be defined into three major areas. The central north-south axis affords an immediate comprehension of the space while standing in the reception area and viewing through the entire length of the space without being a distraction to the people working in the drafting area.





## Johnson's Wax Administration Building

Architect/Designer	Owner	Contractor			
Tilton & Lewis Associates, Inc.	S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc.	S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc.			

Racine, Wisconsin





Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, this building is of international significance. Therefore, the remodeling had to respect this major statement of modern architecture which has been maintained by the company to a high standard of integrity for 40 years. The redesign of the "Great Workroom," which had been obsolete and overcrowded, included the private offices located under the cantilevered mezzanine, work stations and furniture. Work stations incorporate ambient lighting to avoid new and incompatible light fixtures.



## Law Offices of Friedman & Koven

Architect/Designer Tilton & Lewis Associates, Inc.

Owner Friedman & Koven Contractor

Schal Associates, Incorporated

Chicago, Illinois





Large open areas interconnected with curvilinear corridors created a comfortable flow of space throughout the office. The circulation was greatly improved by cutting away building core areas at the four corners of the central light court. The variety of office configurations allowed for a highly personalized statement, yet consistent materials and detailing provide continuity. The detailing is repeated in work stations which incorporate task/ambient lighting. The restrained use of materials and simplicity of form meet a design criteria of refined quality as a primary object of the client.



#### Mergenthaler Linotype Lofts

Architect/Designer Kenneth A. Schroeder Assoc. Owner Harper Realty, William Levy Contractor Kenneth A. Schroeder Assoc.

Chicago, Illinois



This project represents the adaptive reuse of a former linotype building into 21 housing units and ground floor commercial space. The former Tom's Grill has been recycled as an urban ruin and landscape has been allowed to grow over the former walls. Housing units were designed as large studios within the shell of the existing building, and were given a rich variety in area, type, layout and orientation. Users had the opportunity to modify their environment with loft bedrooms, kitchen island extensions and closet dividing walls.



#### **Poplar Creek Public Library**

Streamwood, Illinois

Architect/Designer O'Donnell Wicklund Pigozzi Architects, Inc. Owner Board of Trustees, Poplar Creek Library District Contractor Tonyan Construction Company



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The architects designed a structure that would house the library's literary collection and serve as a cultural center and community meeting place. The architects divided the mass into smaller units, creating three separate pod areas that are connected by the central entrance area and the circulation desk. The interior design is deliberately low-key; the architecture is allowed to speak for itself. Interior and exterior walls are made of poured-in-place, warm-colored reinforced concrete finished with a woodgrain texture. Mechanical ductwork is exposed and brightly painted to complement the interior spaces.





#### Steelcase, Inc. Showroom

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Harry Weese & Associates Owner Steelcase, Inc. Contractor Gerhardt F. Meyne Company



The bi-level space on the 10th and 11th floors of the Merchandise Mart reflects a decade of change in office furniture and showroom design. The architects restored the prize-winning 11th floor, designed by Warren Platner in 1970, for displays of individual pieces. The new 10th floor was conceived as a stage for systems furniture vignettes. Natural white oak flooring and a neutral background of columns and beams comprised the schemes essential elements. To induce circulation between the two floors, a helix open riser stairway was made a prominent element, as it "floats" between the original and the new showrooms.







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### Banco de Occidente

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Architect/Designer Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Owner Banco de Occidente

Contractor Holzhev y Hernandez Asociados

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#### **Honor Award Winner**

Local materials, architectural concepts and construction materials were used throughout these three buildings for one of the oldest banking institutions in Guatemala. Concrete and concrete block faced with stucco, small volcanic stone pavers, local mahogany, local fabrics and locally available glass are the predominent materials. Open courtyards, terraces, gardens, fountains and trellises reinforce the buildings' relationship to the native context. Large pivoting mahogany doors and operable wood louvers allow air to circulate. Because each site is subject to frequent power failures, the buildings can and do function at times without artificial light and power.


Boston, Massachusetts

Architect/Designer Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Owner Cabot, Cabot & Forbes Contractor

Aberthaw Construction Co.

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The design of this private club atop a 38-story office tower maximizes the exceptional panorama of Boston's harbor and bay. A series of seating platforms within the club creates a sense of privacy through disjunct spacing. The subtle monochromatic palette, accented by burgundy chairs and polished bronze railings, reflects the traditional atmosphere for business luncheons. In the evening, the space undergoes a transformation that echoes the changes in exterior lighting and views. Mezzanine tables reveal smaller polished granite surfaces beneath the removable wooden tops. Small lamps added to the dining tables provide discreet lighting that leaves the focus on the dramatic night skyline.





#### George's Restaurant

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Banks/Eakins Owner George Badonsky Contractor William Laveau

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Located adjacent to Chicago's Merchandise Mart, this 165-seat restaurant is sleek and high-style to appeal to the design-conscious clientele in the area. The space is divided into two areas. The active area contains the entrance and main circulation serving the lounge, bar, kitchen and waiters' station. The passive area contains the dining room and cabaret. The cabaret is positioned for optimum viewing from the dining terraces and the bar. Green and stainless steel cool colors are balanced by the warm tones of pink greybrown and the sparkle of the back-lit glass block surfaces.



# **Glessner House Kitchen Suite Restoration**

Chicago, Illinois

#### Architect/Designer The Office of Wilbert R. Hasbrouck, Historic Resources

Owner Chicago Architecture Foundation Contractor

Architectural Builders Inc. & Altman Modern Woodwork

The Glessner House was designed by the renowned architect H. H. Richardson and built on Prairie Avenue in 1886. After years of neglect, the house was saved from demolition by a group including Mr. Wilbert R. Hasbrouck. Today, the building is owned by the Chicago Architecture Foundation and is operated as a house museum. The architectural firm had been engaged on numerous occasions to provide restoration planning and design. Work on the kitchen and in other areas of the house has involved extensive research, thorough restoration planning and the production of detailed measured drawings.





# Industrial Trust and Savings Bank

Muncie, Indiana

Architect/Designer Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Owner Industrial Trust and Savings Bank Contractor Baystone Construction Inc.

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The three-story atrium in this bank building, also designed by the same architectural firm, provides a feeling of accessibility. The atrium is open to column-free offices on the three sides with the service core on the fourth side. The teller counter sits in the center of the main floor directly below a skylight. In contrast to the building exterior, which is subdued to integrate into the community, the atrium is defined by bright bands of color: orange for public areas, blue for non-public areas and red on the core.



#### **Kuntz Residence**

St. Charles, Illinois

Architect/Designer	Owner	Contractor
Cynthia Weese	Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Kuntz	Wes Peterson
Weese, Seegers, Hickey, Weese and		
Margaret McCurry		

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In the design of this house, great care was taken not to disturb the natural environment and to provide open, light-filled spaces for a large family with many visitors, grown children and business associates. Organized around a large central living/kitchen space with a high ceiling and clerestory windows, the plan features a fireplace wall dividing the living area from the open kitchen and a dining bay extending onto the private terrace. At one end is a wing containing a family room, storage rooms and two bedrooms; a similar wing at the far end contains the master bedroom suite and family room.





## Loft Townhouse

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer	Owner
George Pappageorge and	1815 Orchard Partnership
David A. Haymes	

Contractor George Pappageorge and David A. Haymes



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A vacant burglar alarm factory was converted into eight loft townhomes. Common elements, including the exterior treatment, were the result of a collective effort while each interior 'slice' was the work of individual partners. The result is a series of homes in this townhouse, two planes divided the tall, narrow space: a flat vertical plane bisected a large skylight; a curved plane segregated bathrooms and provided access to an intimate loft and the roof. In the kitchen a rolling drywall volume contained cabinetry and refrigerator.



# Leon Mandel Assembly Hall

Chicago,	Illinois
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Architect/Designer Owner	Contractor
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill The University of	Chicago Gerhardt F. Meyne Company

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In 1903 the University of Chicago formally opened the Leon Mandel Assembly Hall designed by Shepley, Rutan, and Coolidge. The hall, which accommodates an audience of 1,000, hosts major concerts and many other musical and theatrical productions. The renovation program carefully integrated alterations and additions to the fabric of the building to reinforce the hall's multi-purpose use. These changes included the addition of a new music platform, accoustical reflectors and relocation of aisles and seating for improved sight lines and sound.





# Offices of Nagle, Hartray & Associates, Ltd.

Architect/Designer James L. Nagle, FAIA Owner Nagle, Hartray & Associates, Ltd.

Contractor I. Gerhardt F. Meyne Company

Chicago, Illinois



In remodeling their own office, the architects concerned themselves foremost with open plan arrangements and energy efficiency with a minimum expenditure. From this concept developed the system of work stations in one-half of the space with the supporting offices adjacent to them. These two functions related to the 20-foot existing column grid separated by a pathway to the main presentation and conference areas. Each group of four work stations or two supporting offices was provided with high efficiency, indirect lighting and ceiling fans. The use of the color yellow enhanced the pleasant, cheerful work environment.



Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer	Owner	Contractor
Kenneth A. Schroeder and	Rowe Building Partnership	<b>Rowe Building Partnership</b>
George Hinds and Robert Gordon		





A former printing loft in the Printers Row area was adapted into 24,000 s.f. of office, commercial and residential uses. This former printing loft, a certified property on the National Register of Historic Places, was renovated for office, commercial and residential uses. The architect gutted each floor and retained the ambience of large, open spaces. Kitchens and bathrooms were added throughout for consistency. Individual tenants, such as photographers, artists and architects, finished their individual studios.



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#### Driehaus Research Associates, Inc.

 Architect/Designer
 Owner
 Contractor

 The Landahl Group, Inc.
 Richard H. Driehaus
 Madison Associates, Inc.

Chicago, Illinois





### Honor Award Winner

The designers created an office environment incorporating the rich textures and colors associated with residential design. The concept included the client's collection of La Belle Epoch posters and an original Tiffany glass window as focal points. A "notched" profile at the entry was developed as a metaphor for the "sawtooth" form of the building and as a "portal" to define the entry. The repitition of the "portals" provided emphasis to the doorless work areas and provided a sculptural order to the perimeter. The palette was derived from the client's request and the poster collection, utilizing green as the dominant color. Green textiles complement the art and act as a foil for the geometry.



### **Administrative Services Center**

# Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center

Architect/Designer Hancock Design Associates, Inc. Owner Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center Contractor Bulley & Andrews

Chicago, Illinois

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The designers have transformed a 1920's vintage medical records warehouse into an Administrative Services Center for a major urban hospital and medical center. Visually the concept was to maintain the warehouse with natural brick walls and exposed wood trusses. The mezzanine system dropped into the space is the only image of "new construction." A practical but playful element is the serpentine platform inserted into the mezzanine at the entrance that allows a panoramic view of the entire space and becomes a pivot point for visitor circulation. Color and differing layouts for work stations give identity to each department.



### **Boston Consulting Group, Inc.**

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer

ISD Incorporated

Owner	Contractor
The Boston Consulting Group, Inc.	AIE Construction Inc.

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Regional offices for an international management consulting firm were planned to surround a two-story atrium in this uniquely configured building. The client's requirements for flexible one- and two-person consultant offices were met by custom designed movable desks of wood and laminate with metal files below a continuous work counter and enclosed wall-mounted cabinets. Conference facilities of various types and sizes and fourperson custom designed secretarial stations were interspersed throughout the space. Recessed office entrances to provide visual interest and minimize the corridors' length were designed with vertical glass view panels and clerestories to provide observation into the offices and light into the corridors.





## **Honolulu House Restoration**

	Architect/Designer	Owner	Contractor
	The Office of Wilbert R. Hasbrouck,	Marshall, Michigan	Luzak Brothers, Inc.
Marshall, Michigan	Historic Resources	Historical Society	



The Marshall Historical Society engaged Hasbrouck Hunderman Architects to prepare plans and specifications for the restoration of the decorative mural painted walls and ceilings of the Brewer Room, one of several rooms in the house with elaborate ceiling paintings. Analysis of the room revealed that the plaster was in poor condition and had fallen away from the wood lath. After extensive research, Hasbrouck Hunderman Architects developed a method of stabilizing plaster by impregnation with acrylic resins. Next attention turned to the highly decorative painted plaster surface. Testing to determine the basis of the paint and proper cleaning methods also revealed painted-over decoration. Painted decorations were then restored, plaster surfaces were cleaned, missing or damaged areas repainted and the entire surface protected by a solvent-based glaze to recreate the original appearance.



#### John Blood Residence

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer	
Pappageorge & Haymes	

Owner John Blood Contractor Arvydas Laucius Construction

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Two multilevel apartments, one to be owner occupied, are created in a burned out Chicago two flat. Vestiges of the neighborhood's Victorian architectural history are evoked by axial spacial sequences and sympathetic detailing. After entering thru a transparent covered porch, vertical and horizontal planes overlap, penetrate, and float, creating both private spaces and a light, open living environment. A screen wall at the living room blurs the definition of interior and exterior space while defining the living area as a floor to ceiling mantlepiece.



#### Kanter & Eisenberg

 Architect/Designer
 Owner
 Contractor

 Marvin Ullman, AIA, Architects, Ltd.
 Kanter & Eisenberg
 Turner Construction Co.

Chicago, Illinois









## St. Peter's United Church of Christ Restoration

Skokie, Illinois

Architect/Designer	Owner	Contractor
The Office of Wilbert R. Hasbrouck,	St. Peter's United Church of Christ	Gerhardt F. Meyne Company
Historic Resources		



In 1980, the architects completed a feasibility and master plan for the renovation of the church sanctuary. The altar area and balconies on either end of the church were completely removed. A new balcony was added over the narthex. The altar area was changed with the addition of a pipe organ and new stained glass rose windows behind the altar. The pews and all millwork were refinished. The walls and vaulted ceiling were stripped of canvas covering, patched or modified as necessary, recanvassed and painted. Decorative stencils were added throughout, and the interior was finished in a manner sympathetic with the original architecture.




# Standard Chartered Bank

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer	Owner	Contractor	
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill	The Standard Chartered Bank, Ltd.	Schal Associates	

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This two-level bank facility is adjacent to the lobby of a major downtown office building. The teller counter, developed out of the bank's international tradition of totally enclosing teller spaces, has a glass and stainless steel screen wall. Laminated glass in the lower section conceals teller equipment. Materials include white ash burl, verte jade marble and elm. Work station partitions and the elevator core are covered with green fabric-wrapped panels.



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# Vanderbilt Apartment

Naples, Florida

Architect/Designer Powell/Kleinschmidt, Inc. Owner Anonymous Contractor Surety Construction Co.

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This Florida apartment overlooking the Gulf of Mexico is designed to respond to a congenial and leisurely tropical setting. A less formal way of life is expressed through the furnishings and materials, the consequence of thoughtful attention to the underlying spatial concepts. The space is divided into zones of use: entry, kitchen and food preparation, dining and living room. On either side, space is allocated to quiet and passive uses: rest, sleep and study. Parallel to the entire apartment is the screened lanai for relaxation and outdoor dining. As a corollary to ease of maintenance is the importance of expressing an unmistakable sense of regionalism.







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# **Barclays Bank** Draper and Kramer, Inc. **575 Elm Residence** International Limited Chicago, Illinois Winnetka, Illinois Chicago, Illinois **First National Bank Gretchen Bellinger MDC** Wallcovering of Chicago **Executive Office** and Warehouse Chicago, Illinois Chicago, Illinois New York, New York Van Straaten Gallery Chicago, Illinois Chairman: Victoria L. Behm Jury: **Gretchen Bellinger** Gretchen Bellinger, Inc. Kenneth van der Kolk, AIA **Gensler and Associates** Architects Stanley Abercrombie, AIA Editor, Interior Design James S. Guequierre Skidmore, Owings and Merrill

# **Barclays Bank International Limited**

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer The Landahl Group, Inc.

## Owner Barclays Bank International Limited

Contractor Schal Associates, Agent for Continental Interiors, Inc., J.H. Oster Woodworking

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The designers provided a conservative international investment bank with a functional and highly organized environment within a tightly controlled budget. Senior management and the reception room were located in the "sawtooth" diagonal bays, with sweeping views and access to the elevators. An interconnecting stairway provided access to the trading room above. Sawtooth portals were created to modulate the perimeter and organize openings. Ceiling heights were varied by dimension and materials to add definition. The color palette and materials were derived from a mixture of "bank blue" with accents of redwood burl, terrazzo and leather.





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Architect/Designer	Owner	Contractor
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill	Draper and Kramer, Incorporated	Schal Associates

Chicago, Illinois





These offices occupy one and two-thirds floor in the base of a ten-story atrium. A strong identity with the building was established by continuing the base building white marble into the atrium as a unifying border material. Work stations, inter-office stair and department entrances are located in the atrium to activate and encourage movement through the space. Due to the high ceiling conditions and skylighted areas, a special task lighting system was developed for the atrium work stations. A dropped wood ceiling at the reception area creates an intimate scale.



#### 575 Elm Residence

Winnetka, Illinois

Architect/Designer
David Hovey

Owner Mr. and Mrs. David Hovey Contractor Optima Inc.

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Four-hundred-year-old pieces of wood and soft form furniture richly contrast with the shape and texture of steel and glass in this two-story residence. Interior exposed red joists complement the silver-colored corrugated deck. Finishes are painted lacquer on medium density fiberboard; floor coverings are carpet and no-wax vinyl, typically used as a ballet stage floor. The living/dining area opens to a private front yard, created by landscaping and high corrugated walls. The kitchen/family area opens to a rear yard. Bedrooms are located on the second floor.





# **First National Bank of Chicago**

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Owner First Chicago Building Corporation Contractor

**Turner Construction Company** 

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The program required the provision of one teller counter for general banking and another for professional banking. The L-shaped configuration of the space provided a natural solution to this requirement. The two teller areas are located at opposite ends of the space and have separate, distinct entrances. The stepped, sawtooth shape of the building exterior is reflected in a special paving pattern, the chamfered corner detailing of mahogany work stations, check-writing stands and officer conference tables. The core walls are covered with panels composed of wood frames and inset, horizontally striped gray fabric.





# Gretchen Bellinger Executive Office and Warehouse

Architect/Designer Powell/Kleinschmidt Inc. Owner Miss Gretchen Bellinger Contractor

H. Marks Construction Co.

New York, New York



This project transformed two levels of a 1920s warehouse into executive offices, production and storage areas for a natural fiber fabric company. In the warehouse, sandblasting brick walls and wooden floors, and capitalizing on northern light enhanced the seasoned environment and contributed to product quality control. Wooden bolt racks provided warmth and recalled period looms, while file banks created inner corridors. In the second floor executive office area, all surfaces were wrapped in the client's fabric to dramatize its use. Glass was used for the upper one third of the office partitions to provide acoustic privacy without obstructing the view.





#### **MDC** Wallcovering

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Eva Maddox Associates, Inc. Owner MDC Wallcovering Contractor

Merchandise Mart Construction Department

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The axial plan of this showroom permitted a foreshortening angularity at the major product display, breaking the rigid grid and presenting the product in a strong palette. Passing through the colonnade and the intimacy of its lowered ceiling plane, one is directed to the dynamic red beam that supports all elements of separation. Throughout the space, unexpected relationships cause the eye to dance over the product, which is mirrored in polished and reflective surfaces. Horizontal and vertical planes converge to one point perspective. The radial tubular display was repeated in the grid in 6" to 12" increments, while the string grid served to unify disparate elements. Thus the powerful architectural design served as a vehicle for product presentation.





### Van Straaten Gallery

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Margaret I. McCurry, Ltd. Owner William Van Straaten Contractor

William Van Straaten





This low cost transformation of a factory building into an art gallery involved the design decision to forego structural expressionism by encasing the closely spaced kneebraced posts of the existing structural system in thick walls which in turn created rooms for the display of art. These rooms were classically organized into a processional, spatial system with circulation on both the axis and cross axis. Reference to the sequential planning of traditional museum spaces was intentional, but the size was proportionately reduced to signify the scale of a gallery.







**Painted Apartment** 

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### **Painted Apartment**

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/1	Designe	r
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Ovener Ms. Celia Marriott Contractor

Parenti & Raffaelli Ltd; Caseworks Ltd.

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#### **Honor Award Winner**

The apartment was the client's rigidly defined three bedroom unit in a gridded high rise building overlooking Lincoln Park and the Lake Front. The program called for opening up the space to create an environment that the client suggested be like "living in a painting instead of having them hanging on the walls." Organic forms, derived from the elements of the park and fabricated of industrial materials, functioned as screens separating spaces, storage cabinets and furniture. Their forces were projected in diagram on the reflective painting of the floor, walls and ceiling. The effect was an illusion of limitless space defined by layered transparencies and veils of color.



Chicago Bar Association

Architect/Designer Powell/Kleinschmidt Inc. Owner Chicago Bar Association Contractor

LaSalle Properties

Chicago, Illinois

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To recapture the original character of the dining room and associated space, diverse spaces were unified through the installation of wall panels that provided a sense of scale and modulated structural irregularities. To expand the underlying Art Deco motif, strong architectural elements of the dining room were reasserted by adding trim and sculptural molding to the columns, exposing the grid of the window frames, and highlighting these components with six contrasting shades of gray. Color and materials were based on the Art Deco palette that included silver grays and nickel hardware.



# **Jordano Residence**

Chicago, Illinois

# Architect/Designer

Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.

()wner Dave & Jeanette Jordano Contractor

Nostromo Corp.

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This renovation for a photographer's family confirmed the owner's lifestyle concerns for openness as well as formalism. The solution gained needed space by incorporating a former rear porch and raising the roof six feet to insert a new level. Interior divisions were based on a diagonal plan organization to create a multiplicity of overlapping horizontal and vertical spatial relationships, allowing both geometric definition of space and dramatization of sequence. Lighting and finishes were employed to further reinforce this concept.



### Murphy/Jahn Office

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Murphy/Jahn Owner Murphy/Jahn Contractor

Gerhardt F. Meyne Company

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In this architectural firm's office, openness is developed through a multilayered transparency. This is accomplished by perforated and modulated gridded partitions throughout the space. Large sliding gridded walls serve as gates in the reception area. The red color of the firm's logo is used as an accent on the terrazzo floor grid, the silk screened grid on transparent and translucent glass infills and the reception desk. The firm's Miesian heritage is evident in the Brno and "MR" chairs in offices and the clean shapes of credenzas and tables.





# 420 N. Wabash

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.

### Owner Horwitz-Matthews, Inc.

Contractor

Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.



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The total renovation of this existing loft warehouse structure into a first-class office building included the relocation of stairs, elevators and new mechanical systems. The design goal was integration of corporate office building imagery with that of a converted loft building and was achieved with a glass curtain wall cut into the building's masonry facade. A new vertical slice in this exterior wall dramatized its relocated entry and leads one to the axial processional lobby. The sequence was further developed with aluminum reveals, marble flooring, chrome ductwork and a monolithic stele, which serves as the building's directory.





### **Polo/Ralph Lauren Store**

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer	Owner	Contractor
Himmel/Bonner Architects;	Chicago Polo Partners	Capitol Construction Co.
Lawrence Berkley and Associates		

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The program called for a store for the merchandise of the well-known designer Ralph Lauren. The design image for the store was clearly defined by the client. An extensive use of pine paneling combined with fine fabrics were used to establish this image. The problem for the architect was to organize a well-defined sequence of "rooms" for the different categories of merchandise within the ground floor commercial space of a large multi-use high-rise. The position of large columns determined the location of designed "poche" spaces out of which small display areas were emphasized between the rooms of merchandise.





Ponderosa Inc.

Vandalia, Ohio

Architect/Designer

Owner Ponderosa Inc. Contractor

Turner Construction Company; Imperial Woodworking Co.



The 45-degree angle of the building curtain wall was translated into the interior architecture of these corporate offices. The building grid is reflected in the silk fabric panels, fabric paneled ceiling, custom millwork, carpeting and light fixtures. Offices "float" through use of a custom millwork wall system which also provides storage and lighting. The glass clerestories diffuse light and create acoustical privacy. Neutral light colors and accessories highlight the corporation's extensive art collection.





### **Reader Newspaper**

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Pappageorge Haymes Ltd. Ovener Reader Newspaper

Pappageorge Haymes Ltd.



Office and production space for an alternative weekly newspaper on the second and third floors of a mill constructed loft building created intimacy and a sense of place, as well as defined departmental functions. Architectural elements created visual continuity, meaningful vistas and infused natural light to the interior space. A new building lobby was developed to integrate the public interface of the newspaper's offices with the building entrance.





# Scott Apartment

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Kirsten Peltzer Beeby; Hammond Beeby and Babka, Inc. Owner Mr. Stuart Scott Contractor

Middle States Construction, Inc.



The architects designed a bachelor apartment for a real estate developer in a Mies van der Rohe high-rise building. Designed with respect to Mies, the two-bedroom unit was converted into one continuous space modulated by walls and a storage volume that divide the apartment. The floors are travertine, the walls are plaster, the closet unit is finely grained wood and the bathroom is ceramic tile with a marble vanity. Custom furniture, rugs and accessories were selected to enhance the spirit of the design.





### William A. Robinson, Inc.

Chicago, Illinois

Architect/Designer Murphy/Jahn Owner William A. Robinson, Inc.

Contractor

A-1 Anderson Construction Co.

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The success of the design lies in its dual accomplishments of extending the elegant lobby amenities via grand, ceremonial stairs to the client's second floor office space, while officially working within the confinements of a typically low building standard budget allowance. Moving through the oval-shaped piazzas which form the public corridor, accented by pairs of semi-round columns, one arrives at the perfectly round reception room. A U-shaped corridor then branches to a series of private offices. Bronze wall-washers, inexpensive "bronze" extrusion moldings and floor dividers echo the rich detailing of the lobby.





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