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Sooner or later, presumably, we will all be recognized because we are first or best at something.

While much of this recognition is little more than entertainment for the masses, the spirit of competition is important. It stimulates our desire to succeed and become ever better at what we do. A desire for recognition among our peers is healthy, even admirable. I would like nothing better than to win the Pulitzer Prize for journalism. Is that bad? I say no. It causes me to constantly strive to produce my best writing.

Architectural competitions are no different. Architects enter competitions to win. With winning comes a recognition of excellence and with that recognition comes an implied obligation for continued excellence. That's good. It's good for the people who buy architecture. It's good for the future of architecture, for the future of our cities. It is one of the assurances that quality will continue to be a goal.

Diane D. Greer
Dear Editor

The summer issue of FLORIDA ARCHITECT is another fine job you've done. I'll share my copy with the Homes Editor of the Evening Independent, our afternoon paper.

Keep up the fine work.

Charles Benbow
Architecture Writer
St. Petersburg Times

Dear Editor

I have enjoyed the look of the magazine (FA) in the last few issues. The cover on the summer issue was very soft in tone and most effective in displaying the rotunda stair in the Capitol.

Sincerely,
Alfred Browning Parker, FAIA

Dear Editor

I want to compliment you on your very good looking FLORIDA ARCHITECT. It's very well done and I hope that it is profitable for you.

Sincerely,
Helen T. Schneider, Hon. AIA
Executive Director
New Jersey Society of Architects

Dear Editor

The summer issue of FLORIDA ARCHITECT, with the 1982 Governor's Design Awards featured, contained an error. The credits on the Escambia Regional Service Center were incorrect and should have been listed as follows:

THE GOVERNMENTAL CENTER ARCHITECTS (J.V.)
Hugh J. Leitch, Architect, P.A.
The Bullock Associates, Architects & Planners, Inc.
Look & Morrison, Architects
Marshall & MacNeil, Architect
Ellis W. Bullock, Jr., was the Principal in Charge
Please publish a correction accordingly in your next issue.
Thank you.
Ellis W. Bullock, Jr., FAIA
Ed. Note: FLORIDA ARCHITECT incorrectly listed Ellis W. Bullock, Jr. as the architect of the Escambia Regional Service Center based on information supplied by the coordinators of the awards program. The FA/AIA's involvement in the Governor's Design Awards Program is limited to co-hosting the announcement of the winning designs. FA apologizes to those architects who were mistakenly deleted from the list of winners.

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Architecture or Engineering—Clearing Up A Cloudy Issue.

by J. Michael Huey
FAIA General Counsel

The professions of architecture and engineering have been regulated in Florida since 1915 and 1918, respectively. Distinctions between the two have, however, never been totally clear to the public, the legislature or the courts. Indeed, there is an acknowledged overlap between architecture and some of the engineering specialties, particularly, structural and civil engineering. This overlap has caused regulation of the architectural and engineering professions to be complex and, at times, frustrating. From 1915 until 1979, there was a limited definition of architecture contained in the Architects' Practice Act. Persons engaged in the planning or design of buildings for others or furnishing architectural supervision of the construction of buildings were deemed to be practicing architecture. From 1918 until 1979, the Engineers' Practice Act contained an extensive definition of the term "professional engineering." This term included any professional service requiring use or knowledge of mathematics and the principles of engineering rendered or offered to be rendered for public or private buildings, dams, machines, etc., and any consultation, investigation, plan, design or responsible supervision of construction of such buildings, dams, machines, etc.

For years, architects and engineers were at each other's throats over one another's encroachment in the practice. This not only occurred in Florida, but throughout the United States. In 1970, the Florida State Board of Architecture attempted to prosecute an engineer for the unlawful practice of architecture. The now famous case — Verich v. Florida State Board of Architecture — involved the design of a shopping mall by an engineer. The lower court's order enjoined the engineer from continuing with the design of the mall. The District Court of Appeal for the Fourth District of Florida reversed the lower court holding that, upon review of the definitions in the practice acts, a registered architect could plan, design and supervise construction of a building as the practice of architecture and a registered professional engineer could plan, design and supervise construction of a building as the practice of engineering.

The district court also noted that the legislature obviously intended an overlap of these two professions due to the statutory language allowing engineers to perform architectural services incidental to an engineering project and vice versa. The Verich decision did not end the controversy between architects and engineers but it substantially precluded encroachment enforcement activities by the respective professional regulatory boards.

In 1979, the legislature reviewed the Architects' Practice Act and the Engineers' Practice Act under the sunset law. Under this law, the two practice acts were to be automatically repealed absent the legislature's finding that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state required re-enactment. The legislature made such a finding and re-enacted both practice acts. In doing so, the definition of engineering was modified only slightly. However, the definition of the practice of architecture was substantially amended to read:

"Architecture" means the rendering or offering to render services in connection with the design and construction of a structure or group of structures which have as their principal purpose human habitation or use, and the utilization of space within and surrounding such structures. These services include planning, providing preliminary study designs, drawings and specifications, architectural supervision, job-site inspection, and administration of construction contracts."

The 1979 Legislature further modified the two practice acts to provide that only civil and structural engineers could render architectural services which were purely incidental to an engineering project. Formerly, such incidental architecture was not restricted to these two engineering specialties. The two modifications have gone a long way toward clarifying the respective practices. The legislature recognized that the disciplines of civil and structural engineering are the only two engineering disciplines applicable to planning, design and construction supervision of buildings. Further, the legislature recognized that architecture, alone, involves overall planning, design and construction supervision of structures for human habitation or use.

The legislature, rightfully, did not remove the "overlap" language wherein architects can perform engineering services purely incidental to their architectural practice and vice versa. There are some who will say that this leaves the two professions exactly where they were in 1970, when Verich was handed down. However, this is not the case. The Department of Professional Regulation, through the State Board of Architecture and the Florida Board of Professional Engineers, has formed a Joint Architectural/Engineering Committee whose purpose is to review alleged practice encroachments. This committee has consistently applied the "human habitation or use" principle in distinguishing the two practices. The committee, in evaluating complaints received by DPR, has determined that the following building types can only be designed by architects: condominiums, apartment buildings, office complexes, church buildings, public recreational buildings, shopping centers, hotels and detention facilities.

Despite the progress being made by the Joint Committee, many architects continue to be frustrated by the failure of their local building code officials to properly interpret and enforce the law by issuing building permits for architectural buildings when the plans have been sealed by engineers. Building officials have a duty to examine the plans submit-
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1982 FA/AIA Awards For Excellence in Architecture

This year's eight winners of the Award for Excellence in Architecture were selected from 150 submitted projects. The jury which convened at the headquarters of the New York Society of Architects in Manhattan, included Charles Gwathmey, FAIA, John M. Johansen, FAIA and Paul Rudolph. While philosophical differences existed among the jury, as they will in any jury, this year's winners collectively represented this jury's different perceptions of excellence in architecture.

John Johansen, FAIA

John M. Johansen, FAIA, is one of the most widely acclaimed Architects practicing today. Since he established his practice in 1950, his work has received both national and international attention for its boldness, imagination and freshness of approach. Over the years Mr. Johansen has received repeated honors and awards from the National Chapter of the A.I.A., several regional chapters of the A.I.A., the Brunner Award from the National Institute of Arts and Letters, and the U.S. Department of H.E.W., and the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland.

Charles Gwathmey, FAIA

Charles Gwathmey, FAIA, of the New York firm of Gwathmey Siegel & Associates, received his Master of Architecture from Yale University where he was awarded the Winchester Traveling Fellowship and a Fulbright Grant. Gwathmey has maintained faculty positions at a number of universities including Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia. He is the youngest architect ever to receive the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters' Brunner Prize.

Paul Rudolph

Paul Rudolph practices in New York City. He is a former Chairman of the Department of Architecture at Yale University and holds numerous honorary doctoral degrees from such schools as Auburn, Emory and Florida State University. He has a Master of Architecture degree from Harvard University. Rudolph has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, both nationally and internationally. He is a prolific author and his work has been the subject of a number of books including The Architecture of Paul Rudolph by Sibyl Moholy-Nagy and Gerhard Schwab.
“This house is an interesting mixture of nature and human design . . .”

John Johansen

The Aguilera Residence
Dade County, Florida

Architect
George F. Reed, FAIA

Coconut Grove

Landscape Architect
George F. Reed, FAIA

Owner
Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Aguilera

General Contractor
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This residence was designed for a family with four children who wished to have complete privacy and save all existing oak trees. In addition, they wanted a home which related to the tropical outdoors and enhanced their energy conservation. Privacy for individual family members was also important, but the spirit of the family and a feeling of security within the house was imperative.

The solution to these criteria was a complex of four sheltering roofs, set among the trees, describing a compound that is enclosed by a continuous meandering masonry wall that provides security and privacy. Altogether, this tropical house was designed to be in harmony with its family and its site.

Jury Comments

"This is the most indigenous and most livable building we saw . . ." —Paul Rudolph

"This house is a haven in the tropics. It is an interesting play between formal and informal. The delight here is in the mixture between plant life and man’s construction. It’s really a marvelous mix." . . . John Johansen

Photography by Steven Brooke
A most extravagant core of glass wall . . .” Charles Gwathmey

The Overseas Tower
Miami, Florida
Architect
Arquitectonica International Corporation
Coral Gables
Consulting Engineer
John Ross Associates, Inc.
Owner/Developer
The Overseas Tower Corporation, N.V.
Jorge Boza, Jr., Developer
General Contractor
Edward J. Gerrits

This medium rise suburban office building is sited at the entrance to an industrial park on a peninsula. There are expansive views of a large lake from the seven-story building which has 37,000 square feet of gross area. Building construction is reinforced concrete columns and post tensioned slab on pile footings. Building materials include painted stucco on block, gray reflective glass and aluminum framing which was electrostatically painted blue. There is on-grade parking and the mechanical system employs one air handling unit per floor.

Jury Comments
“As a total surreal building, as a graphic idea, both in terms of color and material and articulation . . . as a speculative object, it is very successful.

“The building addresses itself to highway architecture which is unique because it is done all too seldom. It holds its own in the highway by using the most extravagant core of glass wall that one can imagine. The handling of the core, from a purely architectural viewpoint is, I think, brilliant. It is a study in scale. It is simultaneously scale-less at first glance with the continuous glass walls of the office tower, but if you examine the detail more closely, you see that it has great delicacy of scale. The whole building is a study in abstraction.” . . . Charles Gwathmey
Alexander Residence
Coconut Grove, Florida

Architect
Henry C. Alexander, Jr.
Miami

Consulting Engineer
Brill-Heyer Associates

Owner
Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Alexander, Jr.

General Contractor
Henry C. Alexander, Jr., Architect

This single family residence occupies a lot which is 50 by 90 feet with a flood criteria of +12.0' MSL for all habitable spaces. Foundations are isolated footings for each column and concrete slab on grade. The exterior is stained cypress on plywood sheathing and flooring is oak strip. There are two 37,000 BTU split system air conditioners with heat exchanger for hot water.

Jury Comments
"There is great unity in this building and it is a marvelous abstraction. There is great inventiveness of gestures here as to the way forms break one into the other. Sometimes it is the flow of a curve, sometimes it is something else. First you're in one geometry, then another. You literally move from one form to another.

"It is a very sophisticated piece of work and a very able design." ... John Johansen

Photography by Martin Fine
"This use of sloping planes is very successful . . ." Charles Gwathmey

Oceanfront Townhouses
Atlantic Beach, Florida
Architect
William Morgan Architects, P.A.
Jacksonville
Consulting Engineer
Roy Turknett Engineers, P.A., Mechanical, Electrical
Owner
Morgan-Goodloe, Incorporated
General Contractor
E. Vaughan Rivers, Inc.

Taking advantage of the 100' by 150' sloping site, the townhouses are nestled into the sand dune with the center residence's entry at the second floor approached by a landscaped wood deck. The north and south townhouses, mirror images of each other, are entered through a sunken skylit atrium to a landing above the first floor. The sloped roof-line is extended by fin walls on the west to subdivide a six-car carport, by sodded berms on the north and south, and by a screen enclosure on the east facing the Atlantic Ocean. Each unit has a balcony leading to the bedrooms which overlook a two-story living area below.

Jury Comments
"The formal concept of this building appears to be one when it is really three living spaces. The house is most convincing in section and I like the feeling that the house is always recoiling away from you. In that regard, its use of sloping planes is most successful." . . . Charles Gwathmey
"The outside is the other side of the inside ... a very honest approach to architecture." ... John Johansen
“This is one of the few airports in the world that seems to belong to a given space . . .” Paul Rudolph

Passenger Terminal Complex
Orlando International Airport
Orlando, Florida
Architect
Kemp, Bunch and Jackson, Architects, Inc. and Schweizer Associates, Inc. Associated Architects serving as project architect to the Greiner Team, a project led by Greiner Engineering Sciences as project manager.
Consulting Engineers
Tilden, Denson and Lobnitz, Inc., Electrical, Plumbing, Acoustic
Van Wagener & Searcy, Inc., Mechanical
Greiner Engineering Sciences, Structural.
Passenger Transfer system, aprons
Landscape Architects
Wallis-Baker and Associates, P.A.
Foster-Conant and Associates, Inc.
Owner
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
General Contractors
Gilbane/Mills and Jones - Construction Manager
Great Southwest Corporation - Landside Contractor
Metric Constructors - Airside Contractor

Jury Comments
This is an interesting idea for an airport with terminal building for people, cars and parking separate from the terminals for airplanes. The airport is designed so that you establish passenger transfer at the main terminal and then take a tube to the various airline pods. The whole trip from terminal to airplane building is a part of the sequence of the building. There is very strong site participation with passengers moving over a series of lakes and never losing sight of the land.

“The quality of this building is less automatic than one might expect in this type of public facility, rather the detailing is clear and the overall use of space is much less regular and unexpected than one finds in a typical airport.” . . . Charles Gwathmey

Photography by Bob Braun
"A logical, intimate building for students who are tired of pretentious architecture . . ." Paul Rudolph

University of North Florida
Student Activity Center
Jacksonville, Florida
Architect
Clements/Rumpel/Associates
Jacksonville
Consulting Engineer
H. W. Keister Associates, Structural
Wilder Associates, Mechanical, Electrical
David Locklin, Theatre Consultant
Larry Brock, Kitchen
Landscape Architect
Bill Munson
Owner
State of Florida Board of Regents
General Contractor
Greenhut Construction Company

This 700-seat theatre and student activity center has a poured-in-place concrete frame and is built of brick to match existing campus buildings. There is stained exposed concrete, steel and reflective glass over the exterior circulation, the theatre lobby and the greenhouse dining area.

Jury Comments
"There is a sense of intimacy in this building even though it is fairly large. There is a certain logic about the whole which is heightened by that sense of intimacy. I like the spirit of the building. It employs very direct building methods which, I think, young people particularly appreciate. It is really like an informal community, a village if you will, where students go shopping for knowledge. The lineal organization of the building draws on nature . . . it is very organic." . . . Paul Rudolph
"The relationship of solids to voids is handled in a remarkable architectural way...." Paul Rudolph

Gregg Beachfront Residence
Island near Sarasota, Florida
Architect
Carl Abbott, Architect
Sarasota
Consulting Engineer
A. L. Coryers
Project Job Captain
Michael O'Donnell
Owner
Mrs. Harry Gregg
General Contractor
Dale Pierce, Inc.

In the canopy of trees, this beach house reads as a series of light, floating terraces supported on tall concrete columns. The tall vertical cylinder of space which runs the full height of the building visually anchors the structure to the site.

Jury Comments
"This house's three horizontal planes, which do not in plan follow each other, but interpenetrate one with the other, is a valid idea, especially when these floors are raised above ground in a tropical climate. The relationships of these three planes and their solids and voids is handled in a remarkable architectural way. The void in one plane is the solid in another. All of that is very formalistic, of course. The thrusting and counter-thrusting and the balancing of solids and voids and the flow of space horizontally and vertically is well thought out."... Paul Rudolph

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The Institute's Florida Association has played a key role in the initiation and continuation of our Design Awards Program. We look forward to continuing this cooperative effort in the coming years.

Thank you again for this most meaningful resolution.

Sincerely,
Bob Graham
Governor

Florida Firm Selected for AIA/ACA Exhibit

Harper and Buzinec Architects/Engineers of Coral Gables and Tallahassee was one of six firms cited for special recognition by the AIA Committee on Architecture for Justice. The project which was cited was the 100-Man Community Correctional Center in Miami.

Although six projects were cited by the AIA for special design features, a total of forty-three U.S. and Canadian projects illustrating "the continuing increase in the quantity and overall quality of architecture for justice facilities" were selected for the 1982 Exhibition of Architecture for Justice Facilities.

The exhibit, sponsored annually by the AIA and the American Correctional Association, was displayed at the AIA Committee on Architecture for Justice meeting and conference held in Houston September 30 through October 3, 1982.

The projects selected included maximum and minimum security facilities, correctional centers, jails and courthouses. The 43 winning projects will be illustrated in a publication which can be obtained through the AIA's publications marketing division.

AIA Defends Design for Vietnam Veterans Memorial

In response to proposed changes to the design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., the AIA has urged the federal Commission of Fine Arts to adhere to Maya Ying Lin's original design which was selected through a national design competition.

In a letter from AIA President Robert M. Lawrence to Commission Chairman J. Carter Brown, Lawrence stated that such changes to the winning design were "a breach of faith: the effort of those to compromise the design breaks
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faith with the designer who won the competition and all those who participated.

In his strongly worded response to the proposed changes, Lawrence went on to say that, "to break faith in this manner says to those who would participate in future competitions that their best efforts can be overturned by a small vocal minority."

The Commission of Fine Arts, which advises on public parks and buildings in Washington, D.C., is scheduled to review the proposed modifications to Lin's design and arrive at a decision in the early Fall.

Chapters Prepare for Design Awards Programs

On the evening of November 9, 1982, the Mid-Florida Chapter of the AIA will present its annual design awards during a special performance by the Florida Symphony Orchestra in the Bob Carr Auditorium in Orlando.

The Mid-Florida Chapter seeks to honor architects, engineers, interior designers and landscape architects with offices in the five-county area of Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Brevard.

The Florida Central Chapter, AIA, in conjunction with the Associated General Contractors and the Construction Projects Manufacturing Council have announced the biannual Architects and Builders Awards Program. This program, designed to recognize architects and contractors in a five-county area, is held every two years and provides a showcase for significant achievements in the building industry.

This year's program has been expanded to address achievements in interior design and recognize material suppliers where their efforts warrant it.

The date for this event is November 13, 1982 at the Host International Hotel in Tampa.

Daytona Beach Chapter Applies for RUDAT

The Daytona Beach Chapter of the AIA has initiated a proposal to have the city of Daytona Beach Shores evaluated by RUDAT — the AIA's Regional Urban Design Assistance Team. The Executive Committee and Directors of the Chapter agreed to sponsor the RUDAT application, the first phase of which was just completed with a preliminary evaluation of the City by an AIA Evaluator. Based on the recommendation of the Evaluator, who happened to be an Alabama architect, the AIA should reach its decision by early Fall.

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Florida Loses Two Eminent Professors of Architecture

Turpin Chambers Bannister, FAIA

A fine architect and a great teacher and writer was lost to the profession with the death of Turpin Chambers Bannister on March 15, 1982. Bannister was former head of the University of Illinois Department of Architecture and later dean of the College of Architecture and Fine Arts at the University of Florida. It was there, as both dean and teacher, that so many of the practicing architects in Florida today came to know and love Turpin Bannister.

After many years in private practice, Professor Bannister began an academic career that was to last until his retirement. In 1957, he was appointed dean of the College of Architecture and Fine Arts at the University of Florida. Bannister's broad career brought him many honors and awards. Significant among those honors were his Fellowship in the AIA in 1953 and the 1955 Edward C. Kepper Award, one of the Institute's most coveted.

Turpin Bannister made significant contributions to the architectural profession as a writer and editor. He was Editor...
Woodrow W. Wilkins, AIA

Woodrow W. Wilkins, professor of architecture and planning at the University of Miami, died August 20, 1982, in Pensacola. He was 67.

Prof. Wilkins was an internationally known leader in historic preservation. In May, 1982, during Historic Preservation Week, the Woodrow Wilkins Archives of Architectural Records was begun in Miami. The archives will collect, store and display architectural memorabilia.

Wilkins research was chiefly in the field of historic American architecture. He did a great deal of work with the Historic American Buildings Survey. At the time of his death, Wilkins was working on a book about George Merrick, founder of Coral Gables.

Wilkins was a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Dade Heritage Trust and the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. In 1978, he was appointed by the Secretary of State to the Florida Review Committee for the National Register of Historic Places. He has been an acting resident architect for the National Park Service in the Caribbean, furnishing full architectural service and all new and preservation work. His work ranged from Spanish forts to Danish sugar factories.

Wilkins received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Florida in 1949. He went to teach at the University of Miami in 1967 and served as acting department chairman from 1970 to 1972. Professor Wilkins retired in May, 1981.

Miscellaneous Items of Note
ARNOLD F. BUTT, has stepped aside as Chairman of the Department of Architecture, effective June 30, 1982. In the fall, he will return to teaching duties within the Department. During his 14-year tenure as Chairman, many major changes have taken place in the Department and the College. Among these was the establishment of the College of Ar-
architecture as an independent unit, growth of the College of Architecture into one of the largest in the country and construction of the new building for the College.

Tampa architect, GEORGE McELVY, AIA, has been appointed to a twenty-member interim study committee established by the Florida legislature to review regulations, construction practices and building inspection procedures relating to residential highrise structures. The Committee was formed in the wake of the 1981 Harbor Cay Condominium collapse that killed eleven workmen and injured twenty-three.

The FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER OF THE AIA recently highlighted and explored the growing role women are playing in the field of architecture. Featured speakers at the FSC/AIA meeting devoted to the theme were BEVERLY SANCHEZ who heads a special Task Force on the subject for national AIA and LAURINDA SPEAR, a principal in the award-winning Miami-based firm of ARQUITECTONICA INTERNATIONAL. The two panelists also appeared with Don Webb, host of Channel 17's "Something on 17."

In Miami, a family directorship became a reality with the election of QUENTIN DART PARKER to the Board of Directors of ALFRED BROWNING PARKER, ARCHITECTS, CHARTERED. Mr. Parker is a son of the founder of the firm. ROBIN ZACHARY PARKER, Quentin's brother, has been a director for the past six years. The third director, ALFRED BROWNING PARKER, FAIA, has been active in the profession for almost 50 years.

FA/AIA Executive Vice President GEORGE ALLEN has been conferred with the designation "Certified Association Executive" by the American Society of Association Executives. The CAE designation was made during the national society's annual meeting in August to Allen for demonstrating a high level of competence and fitness for association management by passing examinations and fulfilling prescribed standards of performance and conduct.

Due to a misunderstanding, the firm of Sandu Z. Rapp, AIA, 1865 79th Street Causeway, North Bay Village, 33141, was left off the list of architectural firms published in the 1982 Florida Architect Reference Book.

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Florida Salary and Benefits Survey Completed

One hundred and fifty-three firms, or 28% of those doing business in Florida, responded to the 1982 Salary and Benefits Survey of Florida Architectural Firms. The results should make very interesting reading for Florida architects.

In early summer, the FA/AIA sent a questionnaire to all Florida architectural firms inviting them to participate in a salary and benefits survey. There were responses from every chapter, but Florida South and Florida Central with the largest memberships prompted the greatest number of responses. This type of information has not been compiled in Florida since 1974, and the data which resulted from the Summary of Major Findings should be both interesting and useful to anyone engaged in the practice of architecture in this State.

The questionnaire explored every facet of architectural practice from firm size to average salaries. Some of the responses were predictable such as the number of hours in the average work week while others were more surprising such as the fact that 62% of the firms responding do not provide parking for their employees and only 1% offer group auto insurance.

By and large, however, the greatest discrepancies could be accounted for by geographic location and/or firm size. For example, the firms employing the largest numbers of people were in the Central and Southern parts of the State where there is a lot of commercial construction. In North Florida and the Panhandle, the majority of firms responding had fewer employees and smaller fee billings. Noteworthy, however, is the fact that regardless of location nearly 50% of the participating firms operated in office space of 1,000 square feet or less.

Relative to salary, the questionnaire had nineteen categories representing a range of positions from executive officer to clerical support. On this portion of the survey the statewide tabulation was accomplished by using median salaries in the high, average and low categories. For example, one firm principal in a very small firm might have an annual income of $2,000 while another in a much larger firm would have an income of $84,000. For that particular category, the median figure of $42,000 would show as a statewide average. This same method was used for tabulating the total number of employees in each of the nineteen categories.

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