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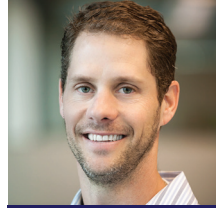
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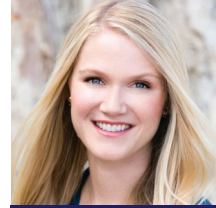
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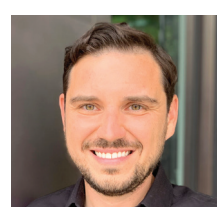
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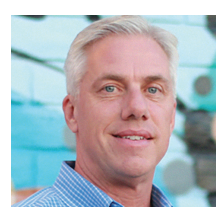
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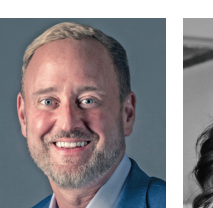
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Douglas Austin is Founder and CEO of AVRP Studios. He has designed innovative housing for the region and western Canada and has been recognized with over 150 awards for design excellence. Austin has played an important role in downtown San Diego's success. He chaired the Design and Construction Task Force for Petco Park and serves as Chair of the Advisory Board for Yes in God's Backyard, an organization committed to housing solutions for the homeless. He recently designed and is currently designing multiple affordable housing projects, including Portola and Kettner Crossing. In June, Austin earned a U.S. patent for a novel way to build mid-rise and high-rise residential buildings that will make urban housing less expensive and faster to build. Austin recently completed eight years serving as Planning Commissioner for the City of San Diego.



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Patrick Baldwin is Principal at Burton Studio. He is a landscape architect with 24 years of experience in designing and planning some of the world's most visited destinations. Projects completed under his direction include resorts, clubs, mixed-use properties, and residential developments. Throughout the U.S., his projects can be found in California, Florida, Arizona and Connecticut. Globally, his work can be found in Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Sultanate of Oman, Mexico and India. Recent projects include Msheireb Downtown Doha in Doha, Qatar; the Montage Healdsburg in Northern California's wine country; and City Center Bishop Ranch in San Ramon, California. Baldwin is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and of the Urban Land Institute. He can be reached at patrick@burton-studio.com or 619-787-1148.



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Kevin Burke is Senior Associate and Senior Architectural Designer at HBG Design San Diego. An award-winning, charismatic design leader of multi-million-dollar national and regional resort projects, Burke's passion extends into a deep understanding of casino and hotel operations and the business side of his clients' design investments. Most recently, he has put his creative mark on project types ranging from master planning to resort design to interior venue designs, including the PREMIER Rock & Brews Casino and restaurant, opened 2022 in Oklahoma, and the acclaimed Desert Diamond West Valley Resort in Glendale, Arizona. His designs have been recognized with AIA Design Awards and American Gaming Association Casino Design Awards for Best Architectural & Interior Design as well as the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Commission Architectural Design Excellence Awards. He can be reached at kburke@hbg.design.



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Annie Chiang, an architectural designer at SmithGroup, is passionate about building dynamic and resilient connections between architecture, community and the environment. She is driven by the changing needs of healthcare organizations, users and stakeholders to develop innovative solutions to build healthier, more resilient, sustainable and just environments. She is a thought leader exploring the challenges of healthcare access in megacities, and resiliency and adaptability of healthcare facilities. This year, Chiang co-lead a winning team out of the SmithGroup's San Diego office on the AIA California Architecture at Zero 2023 competition centered around climate justice, resiliency, and decarbonization for a farming innovation lab in the historic Black-owned town of Allensworth, California. Chiang is also co-leader of the Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the firm's Southern California offices. She can be reached at annie.chiang@smithgroup.com or 619-329-6584.



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Maegen Curry is Associate Principal at ID Studios. She earned a BA from the University of Washington, a BFA from the Design Institute of San Diego and is licensed by NCIDQ, the highest level of interior design certification. Since joining ID Studios in 2014 Curry has worked on the design of both hospitality and corporate projects as she expanded her skills into project management. Her most recent accomplishment is leading the design for Tandem Diabetes' new headquarters. Curry this year became a shareholder, helping to cement the future for upcoming generations of leaders at ID Studios. Her leadership in online marketing efforts for ID Studios have resulted in a 200% increase in ID Studios' social media following. She is an active member of the Special Events Committee for CREW San Diego and is on the planning committee for Unravel Pediatric Cancer.



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With two decades of award-winning and place-altering work, Ben Dalton, Partner at Miller Hull, brings enthusiasm and unbridled vision to his projects with complete respect for context, ensuring that every environment is invariably improved and every person who experiences that space is markedly better. Known for his ability to establish beauty and usability from even the most complex programs, Dalton has led the design for several of the most seminal projects of Miller Hull's local practice. He leads the Southern California studio with clear vision and purpose and strives to highlight San Diego's distinct attributes. He has expanded his work into the University of California higher education system with two projects: the renovation of the Computer Science and Engineering Building at UCSD, and the Riverside OASIS Clean Tech Park Pre-design and BOD. He can be reached at dalton@millerhull.com or 206-551-3036.



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Dan Dubrow, Senior Principal at Architects Mosher Drew, is a seasoned and accomplished architect with more than 25 years of experience in site planning, building design and construction management. Dubrow's technical understanding and strategic leadership in managing complex projects through site analysis, programmatic needs integration, design delivery, and construction administration have made him a respected firm leader and project team manager. Focused on developing strong relationships throughout the architecture and construction industries in San Diego, he is a respected firm leader, project team manager and liaison for clients, educators and students with numerous projects including new construction, expansion and renovation. He prioritizes scheduling, budgeting and client coordination from concept to completion, and is committed to being a team player. He also mentors staff to develop a well-rounded team of architects and designers. He can be reached at dand@mosherdrew.com or 619-223-2400.



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Matthew Ellis, Principal, is the leader of PGAL's San Diego office. Founded in 1946, PGAL is an international design firm specializing in architecture, interiors, and planning for a diverse portfolio of public and private sector clients. For more than 25 years, Ellis has been at the forefront of San Diego architecture, designing iconic restaurants including Juniper & Ivy, Kettner Exchange and Cowboy Star. He has also served as a key figure in San Diego's life science boom, planning and designing campus amenities for major developers including Alexandria (Farmer & The Seahorse, Green Acre, Park Commons) and Longfellow (Biovista, which opened in 2023, and Bioterra, which is in design). He is the designer of some of the most popular and recognizable restaurants in the county, including California English and Mavericks Beach Club. He can be reached at mellis@pgal.com or 619-269-5288.



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Nancy Escano, Co-Founder and Managing Principal, is central to DGA's ascent to become one of the country's foremost life science research and development facility design firms. For 30 years, Escano's expertise and enthusiasm have earned her respect and repeat business of leading research institutions and life science companies. Her skills are sought after by emerging technology companies who benefit from boundless programming and design experience that makes her one of the West Coast's leading research laboratory planners. She co-founded DGA in 1995 with a highly collaborative approach, empowering and mentoring the next generation of architects, designers and laboratory planners. She spearheaded the establishment of DGA's San Diego office in 2002 and has grown the office to 55 staff members. She has presented numerous lectures on laboratory design to life science industry organizations as well as Stanford University and UC Berkeley.



**EMILIA FRANCESCHI**  
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Emilia Franceschi is Lead Designer at Moniker Design Studio. With a decade of industry experience, Franceschi brings forth captivating designs inspired by nature, sustainability and community. The Cal State Long Beach graduate honed her project management skills through roles at various boutique design firms and working abroad in Bali, Indonesia, followed by a corporate role with IKEA San Diego. Uniting her professional experiences and global perspective, Franceschi brings a sense of individualized attention to each project she leads with Moniker Design Studio. She spearheaded the custom furniture design for Moniker General in Liberty Station - a retail shop, craft cocktail bar and coffee shop all under one roof -- allowing for more gathering and collaboration within the space. She is leading interior design and branding efforts in the revival of North Park's Waldorf Building and is head designer for two new coffee shop spaces within Moniker's portfolio.



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Rich Guerena, Principal at ID Studios, received his BArch at USC and has worked in the architecture industry for more than 25 years. He is a highly skilled and experienced architect registered in the state of California and a member of the AIA. He is also certified by the USGBC as a LEED AP associate. He has embraced this leadership role which includes both technical leadership and mentorship alongside his continued role as project manager. Since becoming a Principal in 2022, Guerena has steadily increased his shareholder status, ensuring a bright future for upcoming generations of leaders at ID Studios. A strong advocate for the young employees at ID Studios, he has been instrumental in developing ID Studios' Career Development program, which provides employees with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the workplace. support the many non-profit organizations.



**ALEX GUTIÉRREZ**  
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Alex Gutiérrez, Design Director & Associate Principal at Carrier Johnson + Culture, oversees all designs created by the company. Born in San Diego and raised in Mexico, Gutiérrez's diverse portfolio of work now spans the globe, but is heavily concentrated in downtown San Diego. He plays a large role in the design of San Diego's urban core. He has recently served as lead designer on many ground-up urban mixed-use developments. Those include the recently-topped-out Courthouse Commons South Block in the heart of downtown San Diego and Radian at 9th and G project. He has helped shape the designs of San Diego's newest affordable housing developments, serving as Lead Designer on Affirmed Housing's The Helm, The Link, and Cypress and a fourth affordable housing project beginning design in Grantville. He was also lead designer on Cal State East Bay's CORE Library.





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Matt Kingdon is a Principal at COAR Design Group. He has been a Principal for seven years, managing the firm's Entertainment and Recreation Division. A strong leader with meticulous attention to detail and a strong work ethic, he has worked with a variety of clients on public and private projects, including community centers, pools, animal shelters, zoos, aquariums and more. In the past year, he has been heavily involved in the facilities remodel for the San Diego Humane Society. He has more than 10 design awards for projects, including awards from Firehouse Magazine, Engineering News Record, Orchids and Onions, DBIA and APWA. He is an Urban Land Institute member and Habitat for Humanity volunteer. He received his bachelor of science in architecture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2009. He can be reached at 619-552-2632 or [matt@coargroup.com](mailto:matt@coargroup.com).



**BRIAN M. KOSHLEY, AIA**  
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Brian Koshley is a Regional Director at Ware Malcomb. He has more than 35 years of experience in architectural design. He joined the company in 2021, where he oversees all aspects of architecture, interior architecture and client relationships for the San Diego offices. He has contributed to more than 160 projects and pursuits in less than two years and led the growth of Ware Malcomb's San Diego offices to be one of the most successful regions within the company. He is also heavily involved with ongoing communication and coordination of architectural and interior architecture design, as well as on-site project supervision that includes consultant, contractor and vendor coordination. He's worked closely with public and private sector clients and is committed to empowering people through business intelligence-based design. He can be reached at [bkoshley@waremalcomb.com](mailto:bkoshley@waremalcomb.com) or 858-638-7277, extension 1656.



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**LANCE LAREAU**  
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Lance Lareau is District Architect at the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD). He is a highly accomplished architect with more than 25 years of industry experience. During his tenure at the SDCCD, he has been instrumental in delivering innovative and functional designs that meet the unique needs of educational environments. He played a key role in the successful implementation and execution and completion of the Proposition S&N Bond Programs, delivering more than \$1.5 billion of much needed renovations, upgrades and new facilities district wide. He has been an active participant within the AEC industry in 2022 and 2023, volunteering his time and expertise with CMAA and SMPS. He also played a critical role in the application for and award of state grant money to fund housing for low-income and at-risk students at City College.



**BRAD LENAHAN**  
Partner  
GroundLevel Landscape Architecture, Inc

Brad Lenahan is a Partner at GroundLevel Landscape Architecture, Inc. He brings more than 28 years of experience to the design of public-use facilities and campuses. These projects include commercial office, K-12 and university campuses, multifamily residential and mixed-use developments. He has a proven record of leading complex, design intensive projects from their initial concept design through final construction. He is a great listener with an ability to articulate creative design solutions to his clients. His combination of creativity, technical knowledge and built-project experience allow him to design dynamic outdoor spaces at any scale. He was featured on the company's first cover of a magazine (Ocean Home) for the design of a signature home on Maui. He was also a design competition winner for Oceanside's Genentech first-of-its-kind comprehensive landscape master plan for its existing 60-acre campus. He can be reached at [blenahan@groundlevelsd.com](mailto:blenahan@groundlevelsd.com) or 619-325-1990.



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David Marshall is the president and senior principal of Heritage Architecture & Planning. He has worked extensively in all phases of design, construction documents, presentation drawings and construction observation. He is a sought-after expert for the restoration and adaptive reuse of historic structures. Marshall has worked on many significant buildings, including the Western Metal Supply Co. at PETCO Park, Organ Pavilion, Balboa Theatre, Top Gun House, Cabrillo Bridge, and Hotel del Coronado. He is past president of SOHO and served on the city's Historical Resources Board for six years. He also served on the board of Forever Balboa Park and was president of the California Preservation Foundation. He is a published author of "San Diego's Balboa Park." Marshall earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from California Polytechnic University Pomona. He can be reached at david@heritagearchitecture.com or 619-933-7601.



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Alexandra Milkovich is associate/senior interior designer at HBG Design. She has been a highly involved member of the International Interior Design Association Southern California and Dallas chapters, demonstrating her out-of-the-box creative acumen by receiving multiple awards from IIDA chapter design competitions, where her designs were selected as Most Innovative, Best Construction, Most Functional, and Best Concept. Her commercial and restaurant designs have won seven design industry awards, including a prestigious IIDA Excellence in Design Award and an ENR (Engineering News-Record) Global Best Projects Award. She has crafted a portfolio that includes Sycuan Casino Resort, Caesars Entertainment, and the Premier Rock & Brews Casino and restaurant. Milkovich earned a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and a master's degree in architecture and product design from Kansas State University. She can be reached at amilkovich@hbg.design or 214-799-4379.



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Michelle Morgan is a senior interior designer at Taylor Design specializing in behavioral health projects. She is a passionate proponent of designing with empathy, leaning into the human experience and considering the impact of her work on all users and the community. She takes a broad view in her work, incorporating perspectives from patients and staff, and from her experiences in other building sectors. She helped in redesigning the Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns and eventually was able to deliver her son in one of its rooms. Morgan wanted to be a doctor, but missed using her creative abilities, so she chose to mix the two by becoming an interior designer with a focus on healthcare. She earned a bachelor's degree in interior design from The Art Institute. Contact her at mmorgan@wearetaylor.com or 619-398-0447.



**ALISON MORITA**  
Principal  
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Promoted to principal at Delawie in 2023, Alison Morita is the first woman to become a principal at the firm. She has been with Delawie since 2005, where Morita manages a variety of projects for education, hospitality and life science clients. Morita is currently the project manager for several Delawie projects, including the Helen Woodward Animal Education Center and Eldorado Country Club's Fitness & Spa Facility as well as several life science projects. Morita previously served as the project architect for BioLegend's campus master plan and corporate headquarters and Montage Healdsburg, a luxury resort in Northern California. Morita earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo. Contact Morita at amorita@delawie.com or 619-299-6690.



**IAN MORRIS**  
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A partner/principal at GroundLevel Landscape Architecture, Ian Morris began as a draftsman and a great coffee maker in a residential estate design-build firm in Chicago, and learned then that the process of design always starts with one key element – a story. A story provides coherence to an idea and guidance to creating great places and Morris loves to tell a great story. Through his more than 25 years in design, Morris has crafted great places, from estate gardens, to resorts, to multifamily housing and mixed-use developments. He believes that the future will bring great things, timeless design, and innovative thinking for our built and natural world. A member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Morris earned a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He can be reached at imorris@groundlevel.com or 619-550-7089.



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Greg Mueller demonstrates exceptional leadership by actively participating in the planning and design process as design principal at Tucker Sadler Architects. His hands-on approach ensures that every project benefits from his expertise and creative vision from concept to ribbon cutting. Mueller's visionary designs have transformed the San Diego waterfront with projects such as the Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, Portside Pier, and Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay Resort. Combining innovative design, sustainable practices and a deep understanding of coastal aesthetics, Mueller has created structures that seamlessly integrate with the stunning waterfront. Under his guidance, Tucker Sadler Architects has championed diversity and an inclusive community with a staff that is 55% minority women. He actively mentors architects and designers, empowering them to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to the field of architecture and design.



**ALEJANDRA NADAL**  
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Alejandra Nadal is a project director of Taylor Design. For more than 23 years, Nadal has provided architectural design services to some of San Diego's leading healthcare and higher education institutions. Since 2021, she has served as Scripps Encinitas Acute Care Building project director. The 226,000-square-foot building with a construction value of more than \$300 million is due for completion in 2030. Nadal understands the importance of working cooperatively with regulatory agencies. She is adept at projects of all sizes, managing everything from small equipment replacements to new, large-scale healthcare facilities. Nadal is a hands-on design professional, nurturing both the teams and the projects that she oversees. She loves seeing her projects unveiled because "it validates everything I do." Nadal earned a master's degree in architecture from the Instituto Tecnológico de Tijuana.



**ERIC NASLUND**  
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 Studio E Architects

Eric Naslund is a principal and founding partner at Studio E Architects. He led the design of many of the firm's award-winning projects, serving as principal-in-charge and designer on numerous affordable and student housing, urban infill and new community plans. His work has been recognized with awards and appeared in publications worldwide. His sensitivity to the design of humane places rooted in their location has helped earn the firm a reputation for innovative, sustainable and people-focused architecture. Naslund is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and was one of San Diego's youngest recipients of this honor. He served as the chair of the San Diego Planning Commission and chaired multiple community planning groups. Naslund earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo. Contact him at enaslund@studioearchitects.com or 619-235-9262.



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Kevin Nyhoff is a design principal in CannonDesign's San Diego office. He's recognized as a master facilitator, always observing, collecting ideas and distilling conditions into design possibilities that improve communities, business outcomes and the human condition. His career-spanning work includes signature projects such as Adidas North American Headquarters, the Stanford University Graduate School of Business Knight Management Center, Virginia Tech's Integrated Arts Center, King Edward's Arts Hub and Incubator and the Royal Albert Museum Gift Shop. His current projects include the new passenger replacement terminal at Hollywood Burbank Airport, California State University Long Beach's Health and Human Services Building, San Bernardino Valley College's Student Success Building, and Nexcore's Hydrogen 1 in Los Angeles. Nyhoff earned a bachelor's degree in architecture and environmental design and a master's degree in architecture from Dalhousie University. He can be reached at knyhoff@cannondesign.com or 619-819-7937.



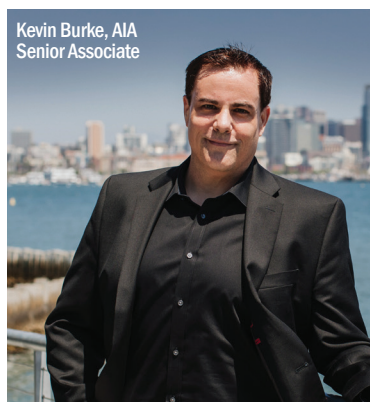
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Nathan Ouren, project director and senior associate at Gensler, joined Gensler San Diego in 2008 and has more than 29 years of experience. Since working with Gensler in the San Diego and Minneapolis offices, Ouren has been a part of successful teams and projects of every scale. He has worked with team members across the firm including in New York, Boston, La Crosse, Costa Rica, Bangalore, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, Portland, Austin and Houston. He is a design manager for the new San Diego International Airport, Terminal 1 and roadways replacement project. The two-story, 1.2 million-square-foot building with 30 gates will replace the existing 1960s-era terminal. In September 2022, he became the Education and Aviation Studio co-director. Ouren earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from North Dakota State University. Contact him at nathan\_ouren@gensler.com, or 619-557-2510.



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As the managing principal for HMC Architects' San Diego office, Kyle Peterson is responsible for the studio's strategic direction and overall performance. He supports the growth and development of an exceptionally talented team with the deep resources of a large, nationally recognized design firm. As Community + Culture Practice leader, Peterson is responsible for the firmwide vision and strategic growth of HMC's Community + Culture Practice and delivering upon HMC's mission of design for good with their clients and communities. He has contributed to growing office revenue and staff by 33% year over year in 2022 and year to date in 2023. He sits on HMC's board of directors as an advisor and HMC's executive committee. Peterson earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from California State Polytechnic University Pomona. Contact him at 213-663-3172 or kyle.peterson@hmcarchitects.com.



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Angela Ryan, Director, Interior Architecture and Design at Ware Malcomb, possesses 17 years of architecture and interior design experience. Since joining the firm in 2016, Ryan has contributed to more than 1,350 projects for Ware Malcomb's San Diego office and been promoted multiple times. She manages the firm's second-largest Interior Architecture & Design Studio out of the company's 28-office platform spread across the Americas. Her experience includes a variety of project types including office, healthcare, education and hospitality, among others. Ryan holds certifications from the California Council for Interior Design - Commercial Designation (CID-C), the Evidence-Based Design Accreditation and Certification (EDAC), and the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ). Ryan served as the past International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Southern California chapter president for 2019-2020. She actively participates in several industry and nonprofit organizations.



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Stephen Scirrotto is the owner and principal of SJS Studios, an award-winning, full-service design and architecture firm in Solana Beach. SJS celebrated its third anniversary in business in 2023. Scirrotto has more than 17 years of experience in architecture and design; during that time he has provided design services for many residential, commercial office and lab projects. He is a California licensed architect and a member of AIA and NCARB. Scirrotto is a champion for health and wellness in the built environment and renewed his WELL AP credential in 2023. A graduate of Roger Williams University, he received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Architecture degrees. He will be teaching design studio at Design Institute of San Diego in fall 2023. Scirrotto can be reached at stephen@sjstudiosinc.com or 858-914-7262.



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John Sheehan, FAIA, is Principal and Founding Partner at Studio E Architects. Sheehan has led the design effort on many of the firm's award-winning affordable housing projects. His interest in housing began while pursuing a graduate degree in London. Sheehan finds great satisfaction in making the everyday seem extraordinary and in providing exceptional living environments for people of modest means. Sheehan has helped shape Studio E's optimistic, people-oriented approach and its reputation for smart, community-based design. In 2021, Sheehan was made a Fellow in the AIA, an acknowledgement of his long career as a national design leader, especially in affordable housing. In June, The Orchard, an affordable family housing project in San Diego, received a prestigious Grand Gold Nugget Award at the Pacific Coast Builders Conference; Sheehan was the lead on this project. He can be reached at jsheehan@studioearchitects.com or 619-235-9262.



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**KRISTINA SMITH**  
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Kristina Smith, NCIDQ, IIDA, ASID is Director of Design at Mour Group Engineering + Design. With more than 10 years of experience, Smith has worked in residential, model home, commercial, retail, workplace and restaurant/bar design. She thrives on designing environments with fresh ideas and creativity; she has a strong focus on client collaboration and attention to detail. Smith had a love for design and architecture at a young age. This encouraged her to attend the New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk University in Boston, where she obtained her bachelor of fine arts in interior design in 2012. Smith has volunteered with the Junior League of San Diego for the past five years and is currently serving on the executive management team as the 2023-2024 Fund Development Vice President. She can be reached at [kristina@mourgroupp.com](mailto:kristina@mourgroupp.com) or 619-727-4800.



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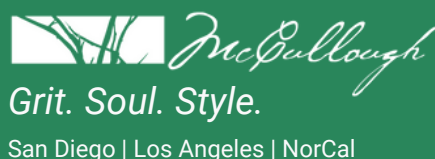
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CEO and Principal Naveen Waney joined Platt/Whitelaw Architects in 1985 as an intern and worked his way up through every role in the firm. He became principal in 2010 and now owns and leads the firm. He is an award-winning architect who has extensive experience in government and public-sector projects. Several of his projects won prestigious awards within the last two years, including an Orchid Award from San Diego Architectural Foundation for Fire Station 50 in UTC; and both an Outstanding Land Development award from American Society of Civil Engineers and an Honor Award, Structures from American Public Works Association for Santee Lakes Recreation preserve. Waney spent eight years on the Clairemont Planning Group and was its chair for five years. He has spent years mentoring young architects through the ACE Mentor program.



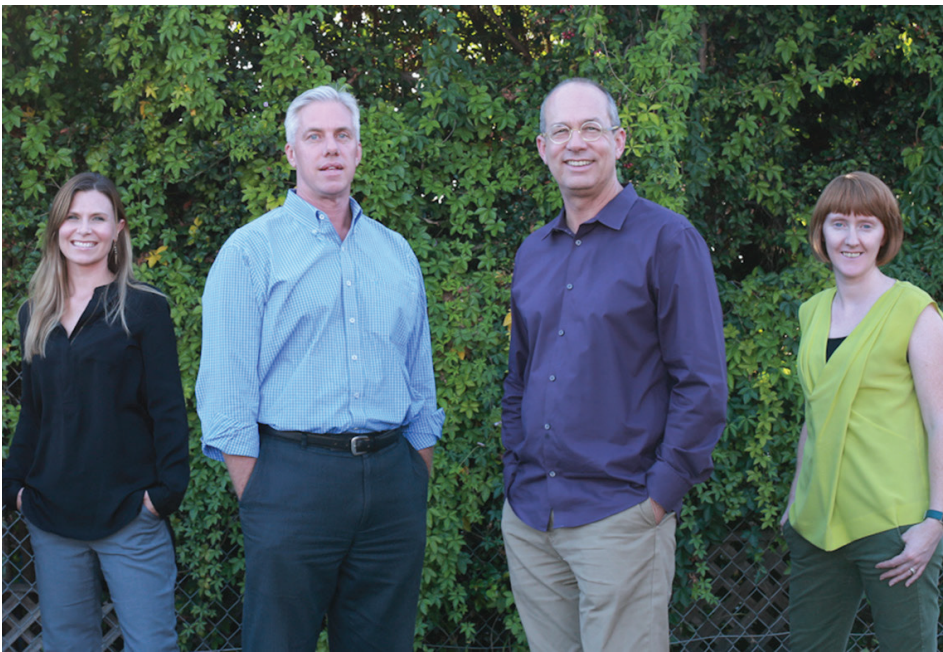
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Maxine Ward, AIA, Principal at Studio E Architects, has been a leader in San Diego's architectural community since 2006. She leads varied aspects of the architectural work, from programming and design to production and project management to team coordination and construction administration. Her 25 years of experience have honed a design philosophy focusing on creative and thoughtful solutions to the end user's needs. Ward completed the construction of 327 local housing units, primarily affordable housing, during 2022-23 and started construction of 205 affordable housing units and design of 400 units, all within San Diego County. Ward has helped grow a 28-person office with 50% female leadership and 65% female staff – a rarity in the architecture profession. She served as a director of the San Diego Architectural Foundation from 2007-2021. She can be reached at [mward@studioearchitects.com](mailto:mward@studioearchitects.com) or 619-235-9262.



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