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Joseph T. Schwab, Principal at GBBN Architects, Announces Retirement

CINCINNATI, OH – After 36 years of dedicated service at GBBN Architects, Joseph Schwab announces his retirement. Joe joined GBBN in 1981 after he and his wife desired to move back to their hometown of Edgewood in Northern Kentucky from Lexington, Kentucky. Before joining GBBN, Joe worked for a small architecture firm in Lexington for five years after graduating from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Architecture.

Through the years, Joe has led many of GBBN's largest and most complicated projects including Aronoff Center for the Arts in Cincinnati, Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, Schuster Performing Arts Center in Dayton, Cincinnati Children's first Critical Care Tower, and two signature projects for the University of Cincinnati - Tangeman University Center and University Pavilion. As a result, he has collaborated with some of the world's most notable designers such as Pelli Clarke Pelli, Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects, and Leers Weinzapfel Associates. According to GBBN CEO Matthew Schottelkotte, "Joe became regionally known as the best project manager anywhere. His ability to skillfully lead complex project teams, his intimate knowledge of how to put buildings together, and his focused attention to detail resulted in innovative and beautifully-designed buildings that exceeded client and patron expectations, time and time again."

Not only was Joe a Project Manager for numerous of GBBN's projects, but he also provided meaningful insight and leadership to help set GBBN's strategic course. Joe became Principal of the firm in 1985 and served on the firm's Board of Directors for multiple years. Joe states, "given the firm's management, leadership, finances, operations, marketing, and especially design and delivery, I truly believe GBBN is as strong now, maybe stronger, than ever before and headed in the right direction. I am very proud to have been a part of the growth and development. This is a great place to work."

Joe has also had a strong commitment and passion for the architectural profession. He has actively been part of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for his entire career and firmly believes in the organization's importance to the profession. He states "I think it is important for architects to take whatever opportunity they can to learn, experience, and grow. One of the things that helped me tremendously was being a member of AIA and being able to attend various events and conferences." Joe served as President of AIA Kentucky as well as the AIA Northern Kentucky Chapter.

As Joe reflects on this milestone, he states, "I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone at GBBN past and present, clients, consultants, project partners, friends, and family that have been part of making my career a success." Joe plans to enjoy his retirement by spending more time with his wife Kathy, his grandkids, and his hobby of woodworking.



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Schottelkotte stated, "on behalf of GBBN Principals and staff, it has been such a pleasure to work with Joe. He will be greatly missed and never replaced. I'm thrilled for him to be able to enjoy some time for himself and his family. He has an amazing legacy at GBBN, and has equipped the next generation of project managers to successfully lead projects."

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