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Summary

John C. Gaunt has been a practicing architect for 35 years, 18 of which have been with Ellerbe Becket, with 6 years (1987-94) as its President/CEO. As executive leader of a diversified design firm of approximately 1000 employees in six offices nationally (with a developing international practice), he was responsible for articulating its values, directions, and objectives, and guiding its strategic development. For the past nineteen years he has been Dean of the School of Architecture, Design & Planning, University of Kansas.

Education

Master of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania (1967)
Studio of Louis I. Kahn
Bachelor of Architecture, University of Minnesota (1964)
Honors Graduate
Bachelor of Arts, University of Minnesota (1962)
Architecture and Art History

Professional Experience

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Dean, Professor, School of Architecture, Design & Planning
(1994-present)

Ellerbe Becket, Inc., Minneapolis, MN (1975-1994)
CEO/President/Chairman (1987-1994)

Major Clients:

University of Notre Dame (1977-1994)
The Mayo Clinic (1982-1994)
Indiana University (1978-1994)
University of Minnesota (1984-1994)
William Beaumont Hospital (1986-1994)

Primary Project/Design Responsibility:

Indiana University

- School of Public and Environmental Affairs (1980)
- Riley children's Hospital (1985)
- Medical Research Center (1989)

University of Notre Dame

- Museum of Art (1978)
- Residence Halls (1980)
- Faculty Office Building (1984)

New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center

- Master Plan (1985)

Lenox Hill Hospital, New York

- Master Plan (1986)

William Beaumont Hospital, Michigan

- Master Plan (1989)

Lothrop Associates, White Plains, NY(1970-1975)

Welsh-Hannafin, Inc., Philadelphia, PA (1967-1970)

Hammel Green and Abrahamson, Minneapolis, MN (1964-1966)

Architectural Career Achievements:

The following summarizes professional career achievements with emphasis on 1982-93 period:

- Executive leadership of an architectural/engineering firm that became the largest such organization in the U.S. (1992)—with a significant international practice and reputation.
- Personal leadership of the design component of the firm that dramatically transcended its conservative roots and image to become recognized internationally as a design leader.
- National spokesperson role in both the firm and architectural profession in articulating professional values.
- Significant contribution to the firm's growth through marketing, successfully presenting its work, values, and processes to major clients.

International Experience

Intensive involvement during 1987-93 period in marketing and project development in Asia, Western Europe, and the Middle East—including the development of strategic alliances in Japan, Korea, and the United Kingdom.

Teaching Experience (prior to 1994)

Universities across the U.S. (1985-1994):

- Lecturer on Ellerbe Becket's Work

National Association of Women in Construction

- Lecturer in Design/History (1980-1985)

Barnard College, NY

- Freehand Drawing Instructor (1974-1975)

Columbia University, NY

Graduate School of Architecture and Planning

Adjunct Assistant Professor (1972-1975)

- First Year Graduate Design Studio, Design Critic and Drawing Instructor
- First Year General College, Design and History of Architecture Instructor

Affiliations/Service

Campus Village Board of Directors (2013)

New Direction Task Force, Lawrence Public Library (2004-2010)

Studio 804, Inc. Board of Directors (2000-present)

Kansas State University CAPD Graphics Competition Jury (annual, 1995-2010)

American Institute of Architects Fellow (1994-present)

State of Kansas State Building Advisory Committee (1994 to present, two-year terms every two years)

Kansas City Design Center, Advisory Board (1994-present)

GSA's Public Buildings Service National Register of Peer Professionals (1994-present)

Registered Architect, New York (1974-present)

Kansas City Design Center, Vice President (2010 to present)

Kansas City Design Center, President (2006-2010)

Walsh-Bishop Associates Board of Directors (2006-2011)

Mid-America Regional Council Art Into Action Curators Panel (2007-08)
 Ellerbe Becket Board of Directors (2004-06)
 Designer Selection Committee, Nelson-Atkins Museum (1999)
 Lawrence Arts Center, Board of Directors (1998-2003)
 Lawrence Arts Center, Mayor's Advisory Commission (1998-2003)
 Lied Center for the Performing Arts, Advisory Board (1995-98)
 AIA Board of Directors, Kansas Chapter (1994-2008)
 AIA Education/Practice Net (PIA) (1994-98)
 Architectural Study Advisory Group for Boyer Report (1993-95)
 Boggy Creek Gang Board of Directors (Children's Cancer Camp) (1992-94)
 AIA White House Preservation Advisory (1990-95)
 National Planning Association Committee on New American Realities (1990-94)
 AIA Large Firm Roundtable (1987-94)
 Minnesota Architectural Foundation Board (1984-94)

University of Kansas (1994-present)

Teaching:

- Introduction to Architecture, ARCH 103 (Fall 2008-present)
- Freehand Drawing (Studio), ARCH 600, Spring semester (1994-present)
- Introduction to Architecture, ARCH 103 lectures (1995-2007)
- Design Studio/jury, critiques
- Lecture (various) throughout Architecture curriculum

Service (recent):

- KU Master Plan Steering Committee (2012-present)
- KU School of Business Architectural Selection and Building Committees (2013)
- KU Rules of Basketball Review Committee (2013)
- Campus Historic Preservation Board, Chair (2010-present)
- KU Campus Historic Preservation Board (2000-present)
- Campus Heritage Advisory Board (2010-present)
- Law School Dean Search Committee (2010-11)
- KU Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant Committee (2007-present)
- KU Public Art on Campus Committee, Chair (2006-present)
- Getty Steering Committee (2006-2009)
- KU Signage Committee (2005-2007)
- KU Marketing Team, Executive Council (2003-2008)
- KU Space Policy Committee (2002-2009)
- Provost's Committee on Reorganization of KU Fine Arts (2008)
- KU Fine Arts Task Force (2008)
- KU Fine Arts Dean Search Committee, Chair (2007-2008)
- Provost Search Committee (2005-06)
- Chair, Law School Dean's Review Committee (2004-05)
- Scholarship Halls (Ohio Street) Neighborhood Advisory Committee (2002-03)
- The Hall Center for the Humanities: Building Committee, Chair (2001-04)
- Fine Arts Dean Search Committee, Chair (2001, 2002-03)
- KU Master Plan/Landscape Committee (2000-03)
- Enrollment Committee (2000-03)
- Executive Deans Committee (2000-03)

**Recent (after 1994)
Presentations/
Lectures**

- Mini College, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Kansas (2013)
 - 5,000 Years of Architecture
- Department of Public Administration Seminar, University of Kansas (2013)
 - Adaptive Work
- Quad Conference, American Institute of Architecture Students (2012)
 - Freehand Drawing Seminar
- National Acoustical Society, Annual Meeting (2012)
 - 5,000 Years of Architecture
- International Autumn Academy, Neukloster, Germany (2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009)
 - The Kimbell Museum (2001)
 - Modernism: Threatened Heritage (2003)
 - INTERFACE: Typologies of Edge and Convergence (2005)
 - The Harbor Gives, The Harbor Takes Away (2006)
 - Flow (2007)
 - Drawing Is Thinking (2009)
- Lawrence Chamber of Commerce (2008)
 - The State of Architecture in Lawrence, Kansas
- University of Minnesota (2007)
 - Lecture: The Work of Louis Kahn
- Minneapolis College of Art & Design (2006, 2007)
 - Flow (2007)
 - City-Sea-Stage (2006)
- AIA Kansas Conference (2005, 2006, 2007)
 - Annual Design Awards Presentation
- Region V NCARB Conference (2006)
 - The State of Architectural Education
- The Zweig Letter Hot Firm Conference (2004)
 - The Education of Employable Professionals for the A/E Industry
- AIA Kansas Conference (2004)
 - Panel Discussion: Are We an Ethical Profession? Ethics in Architecture
 - Deans Draw Workshop
- AIA Kansas City: Structures of Our Time (2004)
 - Celebrating Modernism
- University of Kansas Continuing Education: KU/Lawrence Program (2004)
 - The Architect's Hand
- AIA Kansas/Kansas City (2002, 2004, 2006)
 - Deans' Draw Workshop

AIA St. Louis (2002)

- The Preservation of Modernism

Historic Kansas City Foundation (2002)

- “Modernism: Are We Ready to Preserve It?”

ACSA National Administrators’ Conference (1999)

- Redefinition of the Profession: Internship/Practicum

DBIA Regional Conference, Kansas City (1999)

- Role of Education in Emerging Design/Build Models

AIA Regional Conference, Wichita, KS (1999)

- KU’s Educational Models

DBIA National Conference, Chicago (1998)

- Innovations in Professional Education

Presentations to AIA, ACSA Regional Conferences (1998)

- Architectural Education at the Millennium: Widening the Architectural Track

AIA/ACSA Practice/Education Conference, KU (1997)

- Practice/Education: Building Bridges

Professional Practice Lecture at Kansas State University (1996)

- Architectural Bedrock: Educational Foundations

AIA Kansas Conference (1995)

- Preservation of the White House

ACSA National Administrators Conference (1995)

- Making the Right Connections: Practice/Education

Young Architects’ Forum, Kansas City (1995)

- State of Education and the Profession

Nash Community Health Center, Lawrence, KS (1994)

- Designing for a Healthier World

Education/Practice Net Symposium, University of Cincinnati (1994)

- Practice in the Post-Modern Ethos

Duke TIP Summer Program (annual)

- Freehand Drawing

**Recent (after 1994)
Publications/
Exhibitions**

“Thinking/Drawing/Making” Personal Retrospective Exhibition
University of Kansas A&D Gallery (2011)

“Crossroads:” Art/Sculpture Exhibition
Lawrence Arts Center (2009)

Drawings: Deans’ Exhibition
Chang Gallery, Kansas State University (2006)

Deans' Draw Exhibition

AIA Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri (2004)

Drawings and Sculpture: One-person exhibition

Chang Gallery, Kansas State University (2004)

Die Erste Skizze: Publication of Drawings

Dortmund University (2003)

Architects as Artists: Group Exhibition: "Private Works"

WRS Gallery, Kansas City, MO (2001)

"Drawings:" Group Exhibition.

"The Art of Kansas Architects"

Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS (2000)

"Drawings:" One-Person Retrospective Exhibition.

Chang Gallery, Kansas State University (1999)

Practices 5/6, University of Cincinnati

"Five Points," CSPA Practice and Ethics (1997)

Practices 3/4, University of Cincinnati

"Practice in the Post Modern Ethos," CSPA: The Divided Body (1994)