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Elliott + Associates Changes Name to Rand Elliott Architects

Firm also announces architects Bill Yen and Mike Mays as Principals.

Oklahoma City, Okla.— (April 2, 2019)—Today, Oklahoma City-based Elliott + Associates Architects unveiled a new brand identity under the name **Rand Elliott Architects**. The change, announced by **Rand Elliott, FAIA**, recognizes the firm’s momentum and two new Principals – **Bill Yen, AIA**, and **Mike Mays, AIA**.



*Underway: **Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center** and **Heartland Payment Systems** in downtown OKC. **The Elliott Residences** is a dynamic Midtown addition.*

The use of Rand’s first name will make sense to the national and international design community. The firm’s founder is well-known among industry peers, educators and the media for innovative design and a congenial nature. To a broader audience, “Rand” differentiates the firm from numerous other architectural businesses with the Elliott name.

At the same time, it was important to recognize two vital players. “Our clients and collaborators know how key the leadership of Bill Yen and Mike Mays has been to our success -- for three decades and two, respectively.” said Elliott. “Both are consummate professionals whose roles cannot be overstated.”

The firm’s bold new graphic has a high-energy modernity and arrives with a record of excellence. Award-winning projects include **POPS Route 66** and the 2005 **Chesapeake Boathouse**, which gave rise to a modern boathouse movement, as well as OKC’s **Boathouse District** – a masterplan and six modern structures, built 2005-2016 on the Oklahoma River.

Another contiguous expanse of the firm’s work – from master plan to iconic corporate campus -- is **Chesapeake Energy** – a total of 28 buildings located six miles north of downtown. The West campus is inspired by Georgian classicism, while the East campus is strikingly modern.



Left to Right : Bill Yen, AIA; Rand Elliott, FAIA; and Mike Mays, AIA.



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Adjacent upscale retail centers **Classen Curve** and **The Triangle at Classen Curve** extend the area's distinctive design footprint. The firm's original work extended to several retail tenants -- **RePUBLIC Gastropub**, a luxury women's boutique **Balliet's**, children's clothier **Uptown Kids** and **Café 501**.

Projects under construction include two new buildings in downtown Oklahoma City – the **Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center** at Campbell Art Park (an ID Best of Year "On the Boards" honoree), and **Heartland Payment Systems** headquarters. Also ahead is **The Elliott**, a dynamic eight-story residential project in Midtown named, coincidentally, for the client's grandfather.

Recently completed projects include the new **School of Business at Oklahoma State University** in Stillwater and the **Donald Betz STEM Research and Learning Center** at the **University of Central Oklahoma** in Edmond, named in honor of the UCO president.

Beyond Oklahoma, the firm has produced acclaimed work in Washington, D.C., London, Connecticut, Colorado, Ohio and Dallas, Houston and Marfa, Texas.

"The changes highlight 43 years of momentum," Rand noted. "I am very proud of our organization and know that the best is yet to come."

About Rand Elliott

Rand is a member of the *Interior Design* Hall of Fame, an Architectural League of New York "Emerging Voices" honoree and the Cooper Hewitt 2018 Design Awards Juror representing Architecture, and other distinctions. He is a highly regarded speaker and design jury member.

About Rand Elliott Architects

Established in 1976, Rand Elliott Architects is a full-service architectural firm of licensed architects, designers and support personnel located in Oklahoma City. Known for strikingly original designs that bring lasting value to projects and their communities, the firm has been widely recognized for excellence in the industry. Its ten **AIA National Honor Awards for Architecture** -- won in 14 years' time -- is seen as unprecedented. Other awards – a total of 355 to date – speak to the firm's record of success. Yet, accolades from clients and colleagues – including those about our performance on budget and deadlines – are of particular importance.