



STEVEN A. RICHARDSON AIA, LEED AP

Principal Architect

Growing up watching his father sketch and doodle, Steve always wanted a career that allowed him to draw for a living. He discovered his passion and aptitude for architecture while learning to draft in high school where he was recognized as the top in his class. Steve enrolled in a wide range of vocational courses including wood working, welding, and auto shop. It was this natural curiosity and desire to understand how things were built that allowed him to excel at construction detailing throughout his career.

Steve was recruited to the Phoenix Institute of Technology, one of the region's leading architectural technology programs. During that time he worked at Tempe-based Michael & Kemper Goodwin Architects, a highly respected and multi-generational family-owned firm design leader.

When Steve relocated to Las Vegas in 1980 his first project was at Harry Reid International Airport. It was through this project that he found his love for aviation design which has persisted throughout his career. To date, he has completed over 200 airport projects with five different firms.

In 1996 Steve opened an independent practice. In 1997 he served as AIA Las Vegas Director and in 1999, received the prestigious AIA Nevada Young Architect Award. Long inspired by the idea of a family-owned firm, he formed The Richardson Partnership (TRP) in 2000 with his wife Caron. Propelled by referrals and their reputation for exceptional work, TRP ultimately grew into an 18-person team, including their two children Chris and Lindsay. As the firm continued to thrive, Steve maintained communication with the young aspiring architect he first met in the late 1980s. In Mike Wetzel, Steve saw a potential partner with complementary strengths and in 2014 they established Richardson Wetzel Architects (RWA).

Steve has remained true to his original mission to "draw every day". RWA is sought after for their design and detailing abilities, as well as their unwavering commitment to document quality and client service. His love of designing large-scale public spaces has also been satisfied through continuous work at Harry Reid International Airport and serving as the Local Consulting Architect for the Allegiant Stadium, the home of the Las Vegas Raiders.

EDUCATION

- Architectural Technology, Phoenix Institute of Technology (1978)
- Architectural Studies, Cal Poly Pomona (1975 – 1977)

REGISTRATION

- Registered Architect:
- Nevada: No. 3456
- Utah: No. 6330689-0301
- Colorado: No. 402740
- LEED Accredited Professional

AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Architects (AIA), Past Director
- US Green Building Council (USGBC), Member
- Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), Local Chapter, Founding Member

AWARDS

- AIA Nevada Young Architect 1999

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