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bKL Architecture Welcomes Three New Principals to Firm Leadership Team

Chicago, Illinois - November 11, 2020 - bKL Architecture is proud to announce the addition of three new principals and owners to the firm's leadership team: Danielle Tillman, Jon Gately, and Juan Robles. Each is a long-standing and dedicated member of bKL, and their talents and accomplishments have been integral to the success of the firm.

"The appointment of Danielle, Jon, and Juan as principals of the firm is a testament to their outstanding contributions not only to bKL, but to the entire field of architecture and design. I am very happy to welcome this next generation of leadership as my fellow business partners, and to announce this latest step towards bKL's bright future," said Founding Principal Thomas Kerwin.

Danielle, Jon, and Juan each bring a distinguished career and their own unique perspectives to the role of principal, and will continue to build upon previous successes within these new positions.

Danielle Tillman will be the managing principal of the firm, continuing her work in infusing architecture with social mindfulness and cultivating strong relationships with the neighborhoods and communities surrounding bKL's projects. Her global portfolio includes some of bKL's most prominent, well-known work. Danielle is also a trailblazing voice within the architecture community, active with the Chicago Architecture Center's Industry Council, Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Advisory Council, and the AIA Chicago Foundation Board amongst many other organizations. She is a champion of diversity within the industry and serves as a mentor for current and future generations of architects.



Jon Gately will lead the firm's design efforts in his expanded role as principal. Jon is known for his ability to instill a collaborative environment into the studios he oversees, which ultimately fosters a dynamic, driven design process. His career has encompassed an extremely wide range of project types, from housing and cultural projects to city master plans. No matter the project's scale, Jon's approach roots itself in research-backed designs in order to yield successful, inspiring spaces. Jon believes that architecture has enormous power to transform and be transformed by its users, and his human-centric approach brings a particular and extraordinary intuition to his designs.

Juan Robles has been one of bKL's trusted and respected technical leaders, and will continue to advance the firm through cutting-edge technology and methodologies. Juan has extensive experience in the built world, and has managed the building process from conceptual design through construction. He is especially well-versed in sustainability techniques, and will guide bKL through an ever-expanding role of architecture in mitigating the effects of climate change.

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About bKL Architecture: *Based in Chicago, bKL Architecture was founded in 2010 by Thomas Kerwin, FAIA. With offices in Chicago, Washington DC and Shanghai, its portfolio includes globally recognized projects that span a broad range of scales and building typologies. The firm is led by a senior team with decades of international experience, and has a staff of remarkable diversity. Tenets of bKL include service to its clients, leading-edge design and a deep civic commitment to the communities where the firm designs and builds.*