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ATS&R Announces Associate Partner Promotions

Minneapolis, MN – June 10, 2015 – ATS&R announces the promotions of Nick Achina, Eric Anderson, Nancy LaBissoniere, Peter Lacey, Blayne Parkos and Kara Rise to associate partners. These dedicated members of the firm earned these promotions based on professional achievements, leadership and commitment to exceptional client service. ATS&R President Paul Erickson states, "I am delighted to announce the promotions of Nick, Eric, Nancy, Peter, Blayne and Kara. Their success is a direct result of their commitment to our firm and to our clients. In addition to demonstrating their leadership and value, their professional advancement will help to strengthen our firm's capabilities and services and ensure we continue to deliver forward thinking design solutions through their relevant experience and expertise."

Nick Achina, PE first joined ATS&R in 1995 and worked as an electrical engineer in training for two years. Rejoining the firm in 2013 as electrical engineer, he was named as director of electrical engineering in 2014. Achina brings over 24 years of extensive experience in the design of lighting systems, power distribution systems, fire alarm systems, communication systems, and special systems for public and private facilities. Achina received a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering from North Dakota State University. He actively participates in the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the North Central Electrical League.



With over twelve years of architectural experience, Eric Anderson, Assoc. AIA joined ATS&R in 2007. He collaboratively works with teams to bring their vision to life with detailed sketches and 3D modeling while incorporating sustainable design solutions. Anderson is an active member of the American Institute of Architects and the St. Louis Park Rotary International Club. As a graduate of the University of Minnesota, he received a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Architecture.



Nancy LaBissoniere, AIA brings 24 years of extensive involvement with new construction, additions, and alterations for educational facilities. She works with all types of a project's development from programming and site analysis through building design and construction documents, providing project management with particular expertise in building codes and construction detailing. Passionate about the architectural profession, Nancy participates as a long-time member of AIA Minnesota's Continuing Education Committee assisting in the development of educational programs. She received a Bachelor of Architecture from North Dakota State University.



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With an interest in green and sustainable design, Peter Lacey, LEED™AP offers over 17 years of architectural experience working on educational, religious, healthcare, residential, and commercial projects. He has worked on all stages from design to construction documents including the master planning of youth training centers in Uganda and Rwanda. Peter recently became the firm's leader in religious facilities. He received a Bachelor of Architecture from Cardiff University in the United Kingdom and has been with ATS&R since 2008.



Blayne Parkos, PE/ LEED™AP BD+C joined ATS&R in 2014 as director of mechanical engineering. With over 17 years of mechanical engineering experience, Parkos provides oversight, review and leadership to ATS&R's mechanical engineering team. He graduated from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Parkos is an active member of ASHRAE, American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE) and ACEC.



Joining ATS&R in 2007, Kara Rise, LEED™AP specializes in 21st century education learning directions and works with clients on facilities planning, community engagement, research and programming, space planning and layout, cost estimating, construction documents preparation, selection of interior finishes and building materials, color renderings, project management, and ordering and budget verification of furnishings, fixtures and equipment (FF&E). Kara received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Interior Design from North Dakota State University.



Founded in 1944, ATS&R specializes in educational facility design and offers comprehensive planning, architecture and engineering services. Our team provides quality and efficient professional services that revolve around integrity, fairness, and respect that enables the perpetuation of our firm...to serve as a model for others. With professional services including architecture, educational facility planning, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, interior design, technology, site development, field administration, and total energy checkpoint, we collaborate to create designs that respond to our client's needs, mission, and values.