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MKA SENIOR PRINCIPAL NAMED ACEC-WA ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

SHELLEY CLARK RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP IN RETAIL/MIXED-USE DESIGN SOLUTIONS

BELLEVUE, WA — Magnusson Klemencic Associates (MKA) Senior Principal Shelley Clark, PE, SE, CDP, was named 2022 Engineer of the Year by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Washington (ACEC-WA) during the organization's annual Engineering Excellence Awards banquet and celebration on March 25 at the Westin in downtown Bellevue.

After earning Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Civil Engineering degrees at the University of Washington, Shelley joined Skilling Ward Rogers Barkshire—now known as MKA—as an entry-level engineer in 1984. Her dedication and skill helped drive the company to new heights. She became an Owner and a Senior Principal at MKA in 2001, and she was the leader of the firm's Retail/Mixed-Use Specialist Group upon her retirement in December 2021.

During her career at MKA, Shelley provided insights and expertise to the firm's clients in the areas of anchor box redevelopment, successful strategies for mixed-use developments, and the pros and cons of retrofit versus demolition when repositioning retail spaces.

Shelley's portfolio of engineering design work in Washington state includes Pacific Place, University Village, and the renovation and expansion of Northgate Mall in Seattle; The Landing in Renton; and Alderwood Village and the renovation of Alderwood Mall in Lynnwood. Nationwide, Shelley has provided engineering design solutions for hundreds of projects including two of the nation's largest mixed-use developments: City Creek Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Brickell City Centre in Miami, Florida.



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“It has been my pleasure and privilege to work alongside Shelley and witness her exceptional technical skills and commitment to leadership and service in the engineering profession,” said MKA Chairman and CEO Ron Klemencic, PE, SE, Hon. AIA, Dist. M. ASCE, NAC, NAE. “Shelley is very deserving of the recognition.”

In addition to her project work, Shelley was President of the Seattle Chapter of the Structural Engineers Association of Washington and an active member of the International Council of Shopping Centers. She also has shown a commitment to inspiring the next generation of engineering professionals by promoting STEM education at local elementary and middle schools, and teaching graduate-level classes at the University of Washington.

“Throughout her career in structural engineering, Shelley has proved to be an outstanding leader—both within the firm and the profession—whose contributions exemplify technical, management, and service excellence,” said Jon Magnusson, PE, SE, Hon. AIA, NAE, an Owner and Senior Principal at MKA. “Shelley exemplifies the best of our profession, both as an engineer and as a person.”

The ACEC-WA Engineer of the Year Award recognizes engineers of outstanding character who have made significant contributions to the profession in the areas of technical excellence and service excellence. Shelley is the third MKA employee in the past 21 years to receive ACEC-WA’s Engineer of the Year Award. Jon Magnusson and Ron Klemencic earned the honor in 2001 and 2008, respectively.

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Magnusson Klemencic Associates (MKA) is an award-winning, 185-person structural and civil engineering firm founded in 1920 and with locations in Seattle, Washington, and Chicago, Illinois. MKA has worked on projects in 48 states and 61 countries, serving clients worldwide. MKA’s passion is creating structural systems for buildings of all shapes, sizes, and complexities, and civil site and infrastructure designs for architectural projects.

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