



**HARLEY ELLIS DEVEREAUX**

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**HARLEY ELLIS DEVEREAUX HIRES ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S MOST PROMINENT ARCHITECTURAL LEADERS**

BRIAN A. KITE, AIA JOINS LEADING NATIONAL DESIGN FIRM AND WILL PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN THE FIRM'S GROWTH

LOS ANGELES, CA (July 6, 2009) - Harley Ellis Devereaux, an award-winning national planning, architecture and engineering firm has hired one of California's most prominent architectural leaders to direct the firm's corporate & commercial practice in the west region.

**Brian A. Kite, AIA** brings more than 30 years experience to the firm and a portfolio of work that extends throughout the western United States, Asia and the Middle East. Kite was most recently Vice President and Managing Principal of Leo A. Daly's Los Angeles office. Before his role at Leo A. Daly, he was Studio Director for Fields Devereaux Architects and Engineers, which merged with Detroit-based HarleyEllis in 2006 to form Harley Ellis Devereaux.

According to Kite, he's delighted to return to a firm that has transformed itself into a leading national firm.

"The opportunity to play a major role in helping Harley Ellis Devereaux achieve continued growth is invaluable," Kite said. "The new office downtown is attractive to both our clients and our people, and I'll especially appreciate working where there is local Corporate Leadership," he added.



Brian A. Kite is one of California's most prominent architectural leaders. He has joined leading national design firm Harley Ellis Devereaux as Studio Leader for the firm's corporate & commercial design studio in Los Angeles.

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Kite has managed a variety of large-scale projects worth hundreds of millions of dollars, including the \$750 million, one million square foot renovation of Tom Bradley International Terminal, the \$950 million, Park Fifth mixed-use tower in downtown Los Angeles, and Hotel Bel Air Spa.

In the healthcare sector, he managed the \$350 million expansion of Harbor UCLA Medical Center. Kite's local experience in the civic and education sectors includes the Burbank Community Services Building, the Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Building, the Mission Community College Master Plan and the Los Angeles Unified School District High School #2.

"Brian's breadth and depth of experience is vast, and we are really pleased to have him rejoining the firm. We believe that Brian will help us to broaden the scope of the markets we serve in California by helping us leverage our national experience, with local expertise," said J. Peter Devereaux, FAIA, LEED AP, corporate president of Harley Ellis Devereaux.

Kite is an expert in the design and implementation of urban and resort mixed-use developments, raw land development, infrastructure and complex building renovations. His vast knowledge and skill has led him to become an expert witness and advocate for a wide variety of clients.

"Over the past five years we have stayed in touch and I have watched Brian grow into a major leader in the industry," Devereaux continued.

Kite graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in architecture from the University of Southern California. He has authored numerous articles for national and local publications and his work has been recognized with numerous industry awards. He is a registered architect in California and Nevada and has held leadership roles within the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Urban Land Institute, the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation and the

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UCLA Extension Executive Hospitality Program.

He is also an active member of the historic California Club in downtown Los Angeles, resides in the San Fernando Valley and maintains a sustainable, off-grid vacation home in central California.

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