

DEAN SCHWARTZ ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADVISORS



MICHAEL J. BELL FAIA (TSA'84)

Michael Bell lives in New Orleans, where he practices architecture as President of Bell Architecture, which he founded in 1993. His firm specializes in residential design, with a particular emphasis on custom homes. At Tulane, Michael earned a Masters of Architecture in 1984 and a Juris Doctor in 1990. He is licensed to practice both architecture and law.

Before founding his firm Michael practiced law for three years, primarily in defense of architects. In 2007, Michael was asked to serve as President of AIA New Orleans during that organization's re-structuring to serve a more energized post-Katrina architectural profession. In 2009, Michael began service on AIA's Documents Committee and will serve as its Chair in 2017 and 2018, when AIA releases its 2017 edition of its contract documents.

Michael's civic activities include service on the Boards of the Louisiana Children's Museum, Trinity Episcopal School, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, the New Orleans Architecture Foundation, the Tulane Fund Advisory Board, and a long history of pro bono work for New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity and others.

In 2015, the AIA elevated Michael to Fellowship in recognition of his service to the architectural profession, the Institute, society and humanity. Michael and his wife, Aimée, have three children, ages 21-24.