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Architect David Graham and developers Kelly Doran and Jim LaValle (from left) are collaborating on a new Sydney Hall housing complex and rejuvenated Dinky Dome.

A closer look at 2009's best projects, deals and players

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Judges



Wade Anderson

Wade Anderson is a shareholder at Gray Plant Mooty and co-chair of the firm's real estate law practice group. For more than 20 years, Anderson has practiced exclusively in real estate-related transactions, with expertise in lease negotiation, real property acquisition, commercial real estate development, real estate finance, common interest communities and brownfield development. Anderson earned his juris doctorate, magna cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1987.



Matt Anfang

Matt Anfang joined the Greater St. Paul Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) in June 2008. As president of BOMA, Anfang has continued to uphold BOMA's reputation of being the authority on commercial real estate in St. Paul. Prior to joining BOMA, he worked for the Minnesota Department of Education, St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and Centex Development Co. managing the redevelopment of St. Paul's Upper Landing.

Steven Chirhart

Steven Chirhart specializes in sales and leasing activities for clients in the Twin Cities. Prior



to founding TaTonka Real Estate Advisors, Chirhart was senior vice president with Griffin Cos., where he began his real estate career in 1985. He has served as president of the Minnesota Commercial Association of Realtors and is active in the

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, the Building Owners and Managers Association and the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors.



Lloyd Kepple

Lloyd Kepple is a partner at Minneapolis-based Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, a member of the firm's policy committee, and represents corporations' national real estate equity investment and financing activities. He is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks and the Minnesota and American Bar Associations.

Arvid Povilaitis

Arvid Povilaitis, chief operating officer of Meritex Enterprises Inc., leads the operations of the firm's national industrial and office real estate portfolio. Minneapolis-based Meritex is a privately held investment and development company that owns and manages primar-



ily multi-tenant industrial properties. Povilaitis has more than 26 years experience in commercial real estate. He holds an MBA from DePaul University, a bachelor of science degree in accountancy from the University of Illinois and is

a certified public accountant.



Jill Rasmussen

Jill Rasmussen has more than two decades of industry experience in commercial real estate. During the past 10 years, she has completed more than 500 medical/office transactions involving more than 3 million square feet and over \$300 million in value. Prior to joining The Davis Group, she was at Cushman & Wakefield and Grubb & Ellis/Northco Real Estate Services. Rasmussen is a member of numerous professional real estate organizations, including the CCIM Institute, the Society of Industrial & Office Realtors, MNCAR, MMGMA, NAIOP and MNCREW.



Herb Tousley

Herb Tousley is director of the graduate programs in real estate and the Shenehon Center for Real Estate at the University of St. Thomas. Before joining St. Thomas, he was a senior vice president at Coldwell Banker Commercial Griffin Cos. in Minneapolis. He has been involved in the investment analysis, financing, acquisition and/or development of properties with a cost in excess of \$80 million through the use of both private and public funding.



Deborah Vannelli

Deborah Vannelli is director of net lease sales at Upland Real Estate Group Inc. She has specialized in the sale of single and multi-tenant net lease investment properties nationally for more than 13 years. She has sold more than 500 investment properties, representing buyers, sellers and retailers. She is president of MNCREW, serves on the programs committee for MSCA and received her CCIM designation in 2001.



Brent Wittenberg


Brent Wittenberg is vice president of GVA Marquette Advisors, a Minneapolis-based firm providing real estate consulting services. During his 13-year career, Wittenberg has experience as a real estate consultant and in city and regional planning. He is active on the Minnesota Multi-Housing Association's economic task force and public relations committees. Wittenberg earned a master's degree in city and regional planning from Clemson University, and a bachelor's degree in local and urban affairs at St. Cloud State University.



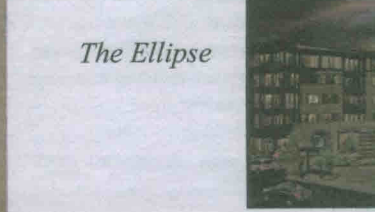
David Wright

David Wright is vice president, Commercial Properties Group, with U.S. Bank Corporate Real Estate. He has been with U.S. Bank for more than 20 years, and has managed assets for U.S. Bank's corporate real estate portfolio, which is in excess of 15 million square feet. He is a member of the Greater St. Paul Building Owners and Managers Association.

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Judges for Architect of the Year Award



Matthew Johnson

Matthew Johnson is an architect with more than 20 years of experience who leads the Minneapolis office of DLR Group. Johnson serves in a variety of roles within the organization — from business development and design to recruiting and human resources. He also enjoys serving as project manager on projects ranging from corporate offices to hospitality and entertainment, and provides leadership in the organization's sustainability initiatives. Johnson serves as co-chair for AIA Minnesota's public awareness committee and is a board member for the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Stephen Fiskum

Stephen Fiskum is chief operating officer of Hammel, Green and Abrahamson Inc., a 500-person design firm serving clients in health care, corporate, arts and government. Fiskum is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the firm and for implementing the firm's design and business strategies. He received his master's in architecture from Harvard University and his bachelor's of architecture from the University of Minnesota.



Mark Swenson

Mark Swenson has been president of Elness Swenson Graham Architects Inc. in Minneapolis since 1990. Swenson has been principal-in-charge of projects that have won 11 Best in Real Estate awards, including three Best Overall projects: the Milwaukee Road Depot, Midtown Exchange and W Minneapolis - The Foshay. These projects, along with the Westin Minneapolis at the F&M Bank Building, led the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota to award him the 2009 Career Achievement Award for Historic Preservation.