



## **Doban joins Doban Architecture as vice president**

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According to Doban Architecture, an award-winning architectural practice led by Susan Doban, AIA, Geoffrey Doban, AIA, has joined the practice in the position of VP. Geoffrey comes to Doban Architecture with 30 years of experience in program development, design, management and construction of large-scale and complex projects, having served as a partner at Gruzen Samton for six years before the firm was acquired by IBI Group.

His background in K-12 education projects and proven track record for leading multidisciplinary teams in design and construction administration lends itself perfectly to Doban Architecture's forte, which lies in educational, residential, and economic development projects.

He joins a team of professionals who are working on projects as diverse as the newly built, \$25 million multi-use Gaddy Hall at Monroe College, an accessibility project at a Park Slope school, and a new home for a celebrated Brooklyn bakery.

Geoffrey Doban's portfolio includes multi-million dollar projects "both public and private" that have advanced the science and art of planning and building education facilities. Recently, he was Partner-in-Charge for the Abraham Joshua Heschel School, a new \$80 million LEED Gold certified independent school on New York City's Upper West Side. While there, Doban served as a leading architectural consultant for the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA). During that time, he pioneered a "kit-of-parts" approach for school expansions and new construction: innovative layouts and designs that promote student-centered learning and community engagement while remaining compatible with tight budgets, difficult sites, and rigid construction schedules. Mr. Doban's accomplishments at IBI/Gruzen Samton also include projects for the highly regarded Stuyvesant High School, Kingsborough Community College, Columbia University, multiple buildings within school districts throughout Long Island and New Jersey, and highrise construction projects in Manhattan.

According to Doban Architecture President Susan Doban, "We are thrilled to welcome Geoff to the leadership of key projects and the firm. He has a genuine understanding of the complexities that are involved in envisioning and realizing a successful architectural project; this is apparent in his approach to the early stages of the design process all the way through to the construction phase. Because I have known him as a fellow architect since our days at Columbia, and as my husband, I can confidently and enthusiastically say that he brings a finely tuned sense of design to our work and imparts wisdom based on experience to the entire team."

### **About Doban Architecture**

Doban Architecture is an award-winning architectural practice based in downtown Brooklyn. The firm's broad range of expertise includes educational, economic development, and residential

projects. Doban Architecture has worked on more than 20 built projects in downtown New Rochelle, including the Monroe College campus, during the past ten years, including the recently completed \$25 million Gaddy Hall, a mixed-use dormitory/classroom facility. The firm has completed more than 75 capital improvement projects for the New York City School Construction Authority. The firm is currently working on numerous residential and commercial projects throughout Brooklyn. Highlights of Doban Architecture's awards include: the Preservation League of NY State Historic Preservation Award for the New Rochelle Model Development Block; the Municipal Art Society's Masterwork Award for Red Hook Stores, the adaptive re-use project for Brooklyn's Fairway; and the McGraw-Hill Best of Year Award for the Culinary Arts Facility for Monroe College. Doban Architecture works in collaboration with Think Fabricate, a multidisciplinary design studio, on branded environments, furnishings, lighting, custom projects and installations. For more information, visit [www.dobanarchitecture.com](http://www.dobanarchitecture.com) and [www.thinkfabricate.com](http://www.thinkfabricate.com).

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