

Musumeci and Kim join MKDA

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New York, NY According to MKDA, Antonello Musumeci, associate AIA, LEED GA, has joined the firm in the newly developed role of design principal and law firm practice area leader and Jung Kim, NCIDQ, LEED AP, WELL AP, IIDA, has joined the firm as the studio director.

Musumeci will partner with the firm's leaders to enhance design quality and studio operations within the New York and Washington, DC studios; lead strategy and interior design on projects while growing the firm's law firm practice; and recruit and mentor talent.

With over 20 years experience in workplace interior design and strategy, Musumeci has designed a variety of national and international corporate headquarters, law firms and government spaces. He was most recently a design director at Gensler.

"Antonello joins us with an impressive background and deep experience with corporate clients and law firms. We look forward to his contributions to our firm at a time when we are looking to grow strategically and to deepen our talent pool," said MKDA CEO Michael Kleinberg. "Together with our other design leaders, Antonello will help us further our mission to provide clients with trusted workplace strategies, and world class service and design."

Musumeci has earned numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career, including the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Mid Atlantic Gold Award for Delegation of the European Union; Engineering News Record Award of Merit for Air National Guard Headquarters; ABC Award for Merit for Lerner Headquarters; Architectural Record Award for Gannett USA Today Headquarters; and GSA Design Award for Martinsburg Federal Building.

"Great ideas only succeed when properly crafted at the onset and executed with precision. My approach is to be fully invested in each project—focusing on the smallest design and technical details—to produce the best possible outcome no matter the budget and fees," said Musumeci. "I'm excited to continue this deep level of work with MKDA clients and to apply this same approach to helping the firm achieve its organizational objectives."

In her new role, Kim will manage the firm's design studio, leveraging more than 20 years of workplace experience to bring clients evidence-based, experiential design.

"Jung is an excellent addition to our team with a proven track record in commercial interior design," said MKDA CEO Michael Kleinberg. "She is a strong leader who balances clients' practical needs

with meticulous attention to detail."

Her thoughtful, human-centric approach will propel us forward and lead to successful client outcomes."

Kim was most recently with SDG where she was a lead designer on a variety of commercial projects. Over her career, she has worked across markets nationally and internationally, and designed numerous projects ranging from under 5,000 s/f to over 500,000 s/f. Her work on the Gemological Institute of America project received the IFMA NYC Award of Excellence.

Kim is a firm believer in sustainable and healthy design practices, having earned both LEED AP and WELL AP credentials. She holds a Master's degree in Interior Design with a minor in Human Factors from Cornell University and a Bachelor's of Science in Interior Design from Yonsei University, South Korea.

"My design ethos is centered on empathy—understanding the people who will be occupying the space and shaping the built environment to enhance their overall experience and wellbeing," said Kim. "I'm thrilled to join this talented team and look forward to crafting purpose-focused projects and solutions to meet clients' holistic needs."

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