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Jonathan Barnes was born in Columbus, Ohio and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Design from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He received the degree of Master in Architecture from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

He began work in Chicago, Illinois in 1986 as an architect with Skidmore Owings & Merrill, one of the world's largest and best known international architecture firms. There, Mr. Barnes' technical and design talents were applied to both new construction and renovation projects in New York, Washington, San Francisco and London, England, as well as to the development of the NBC Tower, one of Chicago's premiere high rise buildings and the cornerstone of the Cityfront Center Master Plan.

In 1990, Barnes relocated to Milan, Italy, to work with the famous Italian architect and designer, Michele De Lucchi, on numerous projects throughout Europe. These works included architecture and interior design as well as product, exhibit and graphic design. In the most notable project, these various design disciplines were combined to create Deutsche Bank's new branch bank system for its 1200 retail locations throughout Germany. In Italy, Jonathan also designed furniture, producing prototypes which were chosen to be exhibited during the prestigious Salon di Mobile international furniture fair at the Opos Gallery in Milan.

After two and one half years in Italy, Mr. Barnes returned to the U.S. to teach architectural design at The Ohio State University and at Miami University's Department of Architecture. In 1993, he formed Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design in Columbus.

Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design is a type of practice that is not often found in the U.S. It utilizes the theoretical basis of the post-war Italian design studio in its integration of technical expertise and creative design solutions in a multi-disciplinary approach. The office's work includes residential and commercial architecture, interior design, historic preservation, and retail, furniture and graphic design. The result is a professional environment continually engaged in these various disciplines, often simultaneously within a single project. His close associations with the Italian design community and his knowledge of current European design products and building materials lend a unique and creative influence to his work.

A major focus of his practice has been the adaptive reuse of historic buildings and new infill construction in downtown Columbus. Many of these projects have contributed to the revitalization of entire urban neighborhoods bringing activity and a mix of uses to previously vacant structures and empty streets.

Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design's recent architectural projects include the 145 N. High St. Lofts, Brewers Gate Townhouses, Ohio Furniture Building Lofts, Body Life Fitness Center, Rich Street Lofts and Miranova Residential Tower interiors, La Rochelle Restaurant, and AIA award winning projects such as the Hartman Building Renovation, 447 E. Mound St. Office Building, the Functional Furnishings Showroom and the Mooney-Henningsen Residence as well as numerous mixed-use urban warehouse redevelopments and many historic residential and commercial renovations.

Mr. Barnes has been deeply involved in urban development issues in the Central Ohio area. He has served on the Columbus Development Commission, advising the City of Columbus on a range of urban and green field development issues and, for many years, was a member of the board of trustees for the German Village Society in an historic and much lauded urban neighborhood. He also chairs the Livable Communities Committee of AIA Columbus and is a founding member of the Columbus District Council of the Urban Land Institute.