

Architectural Design Director Shook Kelley, Los Angeles, CA

Shook Kelley is a 28-year old strategy and design firm with a well established reputation for doing highly innovative projects in the retail, restaurant, grocery store and mixed-use development industries. Our unorthodoxed process entails a unique blend of social science research, strategic planning, brand strategy, environmental graphic design, merchandising and, of course, architectural and interior design expertise.

We are looking for a senior level Architectural Design Director or Design Principal with at least 15 years experience working as a project design leader. Ideal candidate will have strong capabilities in solving problems, conceptualizing, drawing, presentations and leading both clients and teams towards innovative solutions.

Our ideal Architectural Design Director or Design Principal candidate has a gift for fostering creativity and an ability to imagine new possibilities in all industries. If you can nurture a design studio and keep it operating in a constant state of crescendo, we want to hear from you. That means you can: productively lead a system of people, navigate their idiosyncrasies, give effective direction, bring the best out of their work, humbly apply your own creative vision and preserve a focus on the purpose of the firm. We hold business strategy at the core of what we do. The best fit for this role is someone who is passionate about using strategy and design to propel organizations towards higher profits and enduring brand equity.

Requirements:

- Proven experience effectively managing an architecture and interiors team
- 15+ years of related retail design experience
- Exceptional verbal communication and presentation skills
- Able to liaise and coach Clients through Shook Kelley's unique design process and ensure decision making by the Clients supports the brand and brings value to the project
- Second-nature ability to brief and manage third party consultants and contractors
- Remarkable track record for managing personal and project schedules on time and on budget
- Advanced Architecture degree
- Adobe Sweet and Sketch-Up skills required
- Proficiency with Vectorworks, ArchiCAD and MAC-based systems

Responsibilities:

- Oversees and directs the firm's architecture and interior design efforts
- Works directly with office leadership to ensure best practices and comprehensive design goals are met.
- Defines program requirements and establishes design parameters based on client requirements and working with lead design architect and project manager
- Manages design team members during the conception, development, implementation of architecture projects to ensure clarity and quality of concept is maintained through all levels of detail
- Leads the orchestration and strategy of design presentations
- Owns architecture project budgets and schedules
- Continually enhances the shrewdness, aptness and appeal of our design work
- Drastically improves the process in which we develop and deliver our work
- Effectively communicates with staff to manage their expectations, foster their personal development and lead them as the influential "voice" of design
- Keeps a pulse on market trends and research as it relates to retail and/or restaurant design, and communicates it to members within his/her discipline
- Engages with leadership as an integral part of the progress and development of Shook Kelley

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