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Pickard Chilton Project, River Point in Chicago, Wins Prestigious American Architecture Award

(New Haven, Conn. – June 28, 2018) – Pickard Chilton, an award-winning international architectural practice noted for its expertise in delivering high-performance buildings that create value and enhance communities, was honored with an American Architecture Award for its design of River Point, a 52-story office tower in Chicago. The winners were announced by The Chicago Athenaeum and the European Center for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies earlier this month, and honored at a reception at The Institute of International Education in New York held on June 20th.

Considered the nation’s highest public award for new architecture, the 2018 American Architecture Awards are presented to over 100 exceptional buildings selected from a shortlist of more than 300 buildings and urban planning projects. The projects are honored based on their contribution to innovative contemporary American architecture by a jury comprised of a select team of architects and designers from some of the nation’s top design firms.

Located in Chicago’s bustling downtown and overlooking the confluence of the main, north and south branches of the Chicago River, River Point comprises a 52-story corporate tower and a 1.5-acre, terraced public park on Chicago’s unique riverfront. The LEED-NC Gold certified project also includes sustainable design features such as low-flow water fixtures, a 50% green roof, and native landscaping. In addition to this recognition, the project has also been recognized by the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois, and the Chicago Building Congress. It was a finalist for the Urban Land Institute’s 2017 Global Awards for Excellence.



“We are thrilled to have River Point recognized with an American Architecture Award, an honor which attests to the firm’s continuous commitment to innovative and cutting-edge design,” said Principal Anthony Markese FAIA, RIBA, LEED AP of Pickard Chilton. “River Point has been a tremendous addition

to the already exciting Chicago skyline, and we are delighted to see how it has transformed an underutilized riverfront site into a dynamic, publicly-accessible green space.”

The American Architecture Awards jury included Carlos Zapata, Principal, Carlos Zapata Studio; Claire Weisz, Principal, WXY; Soo K. Chan, Principal, SCDA Architects; Douglas Bothner, Principal, Ziger/SNEAD Architects; David Leeven, Principal, Levenbetts; Marc Gee, GLUCK+; Andrea Lamberti, Partner, Rafael Viñoly Architects; and David Lewis, Principal, LTL Architects.

ABOUT PICKARD CHILTON

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex and often high-profile buildings including corporate headquarters, high-rise commercial office towers, hotels, and academic and health care facilities. The firm’s layered perspective informs all of its work, presenting clients with a sophisticated, knowledge-based approach that emphasizes design vision, integrity, a focus on client objectives, and exceptional service. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm’s recent completed projects include: Northwestern Mutual Tower and Commons in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; River Point in Chicago, Illinois; 609 Main in Houston, Texas; ATCO Commercial Centre in Calgary, Alberta; and 1144 Fifteenth in Denver, Colorado. Current projects include 2+U in Seattle, Washington; 145 Broadway in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Canal Place for Dominion Energy in Richmond, Va.; and a mixed-use project in Tampa, Fla.; as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Miami and Tokyo, Japan. Please visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.