

## PICKARD CHILTON

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### **Pickard Chilton project, 600 Canal Place in Richmond, Va., Wins AIA Connecticut Business Architecture Excellence Award**

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*1 million-SF corporate HQ for Dominion Energy features curved glass façade and sustainable elements*

**(New Haven, Conn. – July 15, 2021)** – [Pickard Chilton](#), an award-winning architecture studio best known for its innovative and cutting-edge design of corporate headquarters, announces that its project, [600 Canal Place](#) in Richmond, Virginia, has received an AIA Connecticut Business Architecture [Excellence Award](#). Completed in 2020, the 20-story, 1 million gsf 600 Canal Place serves as Dominion Energy’s new corporate office tower. It is the third AIA Connecticut Business Architecture award that the firm has garnered for its corporate work in as many years.



The jury for this year’s awards program included Mark Creedon, AIA, Perkins Eastman; Becca Nell, PMP, VVA Project & Cost Managers; and Ron Quicquaro, AIA, Studio Q Architecture. Submissions were limited to architects either practicing or located in Connecticut. Pickard Chilton will be presented with the award at an in-person awards gala in November.

Situated in the heart of Richmond, 600 Canal Place is a high-performance workspace for more than 1,000 professionals, designed to enhance productivity through new ways of working that will benefit Dominion

Energy employees and customers. According to the jury, 600 Canal Place is “...stunning...all encompassing. An impactful and bold site-responsive project that met the goals of the client, adds to the community, and offers high-quality workspace. A one-acre expansive roof garden, sculptural interior spaces and sweeping glazed façade all contribute to a richly daylighted interior and connection to the cityscape and river.”

The building offers dramatic views of the James River and downtown Richmond. Acknowledging the city’s historical connection to the James River, 600 Canal’s curved exterior enclosure is inspired by the shape of the full sails of the ships that historically navigated the river. Stainless steel diagonal rods that articulate the sweeping facades further emphasize the sail metaphor. Culminating in a crisp tower top, the billowing sail of 600 Canal Place reflects the city, river, and sky. The building includes street-level retail, employee amenities, and parking.

“As with all our projects, we endeavored to closely listen to our client to provide them with a building that not only meets their aspirations, but their long-term business needs as well,” noted Principal William D. Chilton FAIA, RIBA. “This award affirms that the project team was successful.”

Awarded LEED-NC Gold certification, 600 Canal Place is designed for the comfort, health, and wellbeing of its occupants. High-performance glazing, energy-efficient mechanical systems, including under-floor air and occupancy sensors, reduce energy costs while providing improved air quality and individual thermal comfort control. The sweeping curved form of the glass enclosure ushers natural light deep into each floor.

## **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 and multi-family towers, hotels, and academic and life science facilities. The firm’s layered perspective informs all of its work, presenting clients with a sophisticated, knowledge-based approach that emphasizes design vision, placemaking, integrity, a focus on client objectives, and exceptional service. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm’s recent completed projects include: River Point in Chicago; 145 Broadway, Akamai’s new headquarters in Cambridge, Ma.; Northwestern Mutual’s headquarters in Milwaukee; 2+U in Seattle, Wash.; and, Canal Place for Dominion Energy in Richmond, Va. Current projects include 325 Main, Google’s new headquarters in Cambridge, Ma.; the Y2 Project and Global Gateway Shinagawa development, both in Tokyo, Japan; as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Miami, San Francisco, and Stuttgart, Germany. Please visit [www.pickardchilton.com](http://www.pickardchilton.com) for more information.