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Pickard Chilton’s Nancy Clayton and Andrew Barnett Honored with AIA Connecticut Awards

*The firm-designed HQ for Norfolk Southern in Atlanta, Georgia Also Recognized with an
AIA CT Business Architecture Award of Excellence*

(New Haven, Conn. – July 18, 2022) – [Pickard Chilton](#), an award-winning architecture studio best known for its innovative and cutting-edge design of corporate headquarters and high performance office towers, announces that Associate Principal Nancy Clayton has received a [Women in Architecture Award](#) from AIA Connecticut (AIA CT) while Associate Andrew Barnett was recognized with the organization’s [Emerging Professional Award of Excellence](#).

The firm’s design of the Norfolk Southern Headquarters was also the recipient of the [AIA CT Business Architecture Award of Excellence](#).

Nancy Clayton: AIA CT Women in Architecture Award



The AIA CT Women in Architecture Award honors registered and practicing female architects in Connecticut who demonstrate design excellence, promote equitable & sustainable practice, and are affecting change in the profession.

Associate Principal [Nancy Clayton](#) AIA brings collaborative leadership, practical know-how, high design aspirations, and a focus on user experience to every project. Ms. Clayton’s buildings create memorable environments that positively transform neighborhoods and catalyze urban centers. Given the scale of her projects, Nancy often leads large interdisciplinary teams, including Pickard Chilton’s designers and diverse consultants.

With nearly three decades directing a broad range of corporate, academic, and cultural projects, Nancy Clayton has served as design director for several significant corporate high-rise and campus projects. She is currently directing the design for Sherwin-Williams’ new corporate headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. Previously, she directed [2+U, a mixed-use office tower](#) in downtown Seattle, Washington; [Barack H. Obama Magnet University School](#) in New Haven, Connecticut; the [Northwestern Mutual Tower and Commons](#) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; components of the [ExxonMobil Global Campus](#) in Houston, Texas; [Devon Energy Center](#) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and the [West Campus expansion of ConocoPhillips’ headquarters](#) in Houston, Texas.

In 2017, Ms. Clayton was the recipient of the Connecticut Professional Women in Construction's Woman of Achievement award. She advocates for equity and diversity within the architecture profession by volunteering as Secretary and Board Member of the Connecticut Architecture Foundation. Ms. Clayton is a role model for architects through her involvement in panel discussions such as AIA CT's Women in Architecture events, and in her mentorship of younger colleagues within Pickard Chilton. In 2010, Nancy co-founded The 10.05 Fund to benefit the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven which focuses on supporting youth, arts, and cultural organizations.

Ms. Clayton graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and holds a Master of Architecture from Princeton University.

Andrew Barnett: AIA Emerging Professional Award of Excellence



The AIA CT Emerging Professional award recognizes and supports emerging, graduate architects who have made outstanding, innovative contributions to the discipline and/or profession, and have rendered exemplary service in the public realm. Andrew was nominated by Pickard Chilton Principal Jon Pickard, FAIA.

Associate [Andrew Barnett](#) Assoc. AIA, LEED GA is a highly respected member of the Pickard Chilton studio. Joining the firm in 2018, he has held key roles and collaborated on numerous large-scale, international mixed-use, corporate, commercial, life science, and master planning developments. Andrew brings intelligence to his work, team, and clients, making many significant contributions to the firm's projects.

He is currently project manager for The Binney Street Campus, a new laboratory in Cambridge, Mass., and also served as designer for [Google Cambridge's headquarters](#) at 325 Main, a next-generation office building in Cambridge.

Passionate about sustainable design, Andrew has been a key designer for nearly 1.5 million gsf of mass timber campuses, further honing our design expertise.

Andrew is a LEED Green Associate. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture from The Pennsylvania State University, and since 2020, has been active in the Penn State Architecture Alumni Mentor Program.

For the past four years, Andrew has been a dedicated mentor with the ACE Mentor Program at both the local and state levels. Prior to the pandemic, he personally mentored over 30 students. He was instrumental in transitioning the organization from in-person to virtual and led a team of professionals statewide in mentoring 110 students. He is currently a Group Leader and an ACE Board Member for both the New Haven and Connecticut chapters. Andrew sits on the K-12 committee of the National Organization of Minority Architects Connecticut (NOMAct) chapter and serves as the liaison between ACE and NOMAct. Most recently, Andrew participated in the local Junior Achievement Program to address Middle and High School students about careers in architecture.

Norfolk Southern: AIA CT Business Architecture Award of Excellence

The AIA CT Business Architecture Award of Excellence is a statewide honor that recognizes architects for solving business problems for their clients, thereby demonstrating the power of architecture to shape business

performance, to improve peoples' lives and provide a value-added service to clients in a business setting that far exceeds the costs of that service. The award for Norfolk Southern is the fourth AIA CT Business Architecture Award that the firm has garnered for its corporate work in as many years.



Pickard Chilton was engaged by Cousins Properties to design the new Atlanta, Georgia [headquarters for Norfolk Southern](#), one of the nation's premier transportation companies. The company relocated its headquarters from Norfolk, Virginia to a 1 million gsf office tower at 650 West Peachtree Street in Atlanta's Technology Square district. Norfolk Southern's new headquarters features two office towers connected by a five-story campus-style hub that serves a destination for employees to work and collaborate throughout the day. The towers are clad in a high-performance enclosure with floor-to-ceiling glass to maximize daylight and views. A lush entry plaza welcomes employees and guests into the building's lobby, which has soaring ceilings and a coffee shop open to the public.

On-site amenities include a vibrant dining facility, an adjacent rooftop garden and private greenspace, a comprehensive fitness center, state-of-the-art conference and training facilities, on-site child-care, and a variety of individual and shared workspaces to serve employees' diverse needs while promoting interaction and collaboration.

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 sciences 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: Norfolk Southern's new headquarters in Atlanta Ga.; Akamai's new headquarters in Cambridge, Ma.; River Point in Chicago; Northwestern Mutual's headquarters in Milwaukee; and, 2+U in Seattle, Wash. Current projects include CoStar Group's Corporate Campus in Richmond, Va.; 325 Main, Google's new headquarters in Cambridge, Ma.; the Tokyo Midtown Yaesu Project and Global Gateway Shinagawa development, both in Tokyo, Japan; as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Houston, San Francisco, Washington, DC, as well as in Düsseldorf and Stuttgart, Germany. Please visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.