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**SmithGroupJJR hires Kay Wulf as Workplace Studio Leader in Chicago**

*Long-time Chicago expert in the design of workplace interiors, asset repositioning and corporate headquarters*

Chicago, November 30, 2016 -- SmithGroupJJR, one of the nation’s largest architecture, engineering, interior design, and planning firms, has hired [Kay Wulf](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/people/kay-wulf) to lead the [Workplace Studio](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/practice_areas/workplace) at the firm’s Chicago office. She joins SmithGroupJJR from FitzGerald Associates Architects, Chicago, where she launched its interior design practice.

In her role as Workplace Studio Leader, Wulf will focus on expanding the Chicago office’s project portfolio for workplace interiors, asset repositioning and corporate headquarters. She will support local clients while identifying new strategic relationships with companies expanding into Chicagoland.

“Kay Wulf brings an experienced perspective of the Chicago market and has a clear understanding of the myriad of challenges our clients are facing on a daily basis,” said [Tim Tracey](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/people/tim-tracey), SmithGroupJJR Chicago office director. “She is committed to providing holistic design solutions that enhance the workplace and support her clients’ business objectives.”

With a background in interior architecture spanning more than 25 years, Wulf has collaborated on award-winning local, national and international projects. A resident of Chicago, she has designed spaces for significant institutions, such as McCormick Place, Bank of America, ConocoPhillips, University of Illinois and McKesson.

Prior to FitzGerald Associates Architects, Wulf worked independently and with tvsdesign, where she jumpstarted the firm’s Chicago interiors studio. There, she designed for a broad range of industries, from corporate headquarters to conference and convention centers. She began her career at Philip Shaw Associates where she specialized in the design of financial service firms.

Wulf earned a Bachelor’s of Science in interior design and an Associate of Applied Science in architectural technology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She presently serves on the advisory board for the university’s interior design program.

As an industry thought leader, Wulf has spoken at numerous conferences and has been featured in national industry publications. She is past president of both the International Interior Design Association and Chicago Women in Architecture. Among the organizations she volunteers with is the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Wulf is a resident of the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago.

The [SmithGroupJJR Workplace Practice](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/practice_areas/workplace) leverages the knowledge and creative insights of hundreds of architects, interior designers, engineers and strategists who are experienced in all types of workplace venues and committed to providing unique and innovative solutions that solve clients’ business problems. The practice provides comprehensive planning, design and workplace strategy services to many of the nation’s top companies including [Microsoft](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/projects/sales-health-solutions-group-offices#.WCt3RtUrLKk), Google, [Ford Land](https://media.ford.com/content/fordmedia/fna/us/en/news/2016/04/12/ford-transforming-dearborn-campus.html), [GoDaddy,](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/projects/godaddy-global-technology-center) [The Advisory Board Company](http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/projects/workplace-strategies) and Blackboard, Inc. The firm’s Chicago Workplace Studio has designed recent projects Plante Moran and Northern Trust, and the 223,000-square-foot Chamberlain Group Corporate headquarters, a Duchossois Real Estate project, is now nearing completion in Oak Brook.

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