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The Firm

History, Experience and Objectives

The LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc., was formed in 2000 and is a continuation of an architectural practice founded in Beaumont by Frederick William Steinman in 1901 and continued by his grandson Douglas E. Steinman, Jr.

Through the years the predecessor firms designed many of Beaumont's landmarks including City Hall, the Edson Hotel, the old First Methodist Church, and the City Library. In 2000, just before Doug's death, Dohn H. LaBiche, AIA purchased the firm after working for Mr. Steinman for 14 years. The Steinman name for quality buildings and client satisfaction continues in this young and talented firm.

The company has made a conscious decision to limit the growth of the firm to a size that can give the kind of personalized service that has made it successful over the years. Instead of growth in size, The LaBiche architectural Group, Inc. has concentrated its management efforts on making the existing firm more efficient and responsive to the client's needs.

In 1985, the firm became the first architectural firm in Beaumont, Texas, to totally implement Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) into the production of all construction documents and we continue to employ the most up-to-date technology available. The firm currently operates five workstations, which utilize state-of-the-art hardware and software, adding to the accuracy and consistency of construction documents.

Our past experience has given our staff the ability to interpret the needs and desires of multi-disciplined clients. We have been designing facilities for persons with physical impairment for many years; therefore, the principles enunciated in the ADA regulations have long been standard design criteria in our office. Because of our familiarity with these principles, our services have been required by a considerable number of institutions for their compliance renovations.

The LaBiche Architectural Group's technical capabilities and professional competence is best illustrated by examining our past and present client list, which includes the City of Beaumont; the City of Port Arthur; Jefferson County; Hardin-Jefferson Independent School District; the State of Texas, Mental Health and Mental Retardation; St. Elizabeth Hospital; St. Mary Hospital; St. Michael Health Care Center, Texarkana, TX; Southeast Texas Rehabilitation Hospital; Beaumont State Center; Richmond State School, Richmond, Texas; and Inland/Eastex Corporation, Silsbee, Texas. Our work on multiple projects for these city, county, state, and corporate clients underline our commitment to technical proficiency and extend beyond standard professional competence.

Design Objectives

Total Dedication to Quality

The LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc., has adopted as its guiding principle a total dedication the achievement of three distinct qualities in the facilities we are charged with designing:

Function Enhancement

This means the incorporation of all the features that will enhance the beneficial use of the facility whether that be the production of a physical good, the treatment of a disease, or simply the enjoyment of life.

Environmental Security

The creation of surroundings in which the occupant and user can be free from physical danger and harm, and are encouraged to relate with each other in a manner that promotes their individual development.

Resource Conservation

The selection of systems and materials calculated to conserve natural resources and the client's resources and energies.

Methodology

The Development Process

Schematic Design

- Review of program with Client
- Preliminary design concepts
- Landscape consultant input
- Presentation of design concepts to Owner
- Owner review and input
- Schematic design finalized

Design Development

- Preliminary design of building systems with consulting engineers
- Presentation of design development to Owner
- Review of project cost estimate with Owner
- Owner review and input
- Design finalized

Construction Documents

- Working drawings and specifications production
- Owner review

Bidding & Negotiations

- Competitive bidding
- Bid evaluation
- Contract awarded

Construction

- Construction begins with on-site construction observation
- Substantial completion
- Owner occupancy
- One-year building review by Architect

Professional Services

Pre-Design and Planning Services

- Programming
- Project Budgeting and Financing
- Economic Feasibility Studies
- Project Development Scheduling
- Existing Facilities Surveys
- Site Analysis and Selection
- Zoning Processing Assistance
- Master Planning

Architectural Services

- Conceptual Design
- Design Development
- Contract Documents
- Bidding
- Contract Administration

Supplemental Services

- Regulatory Agency Approvals
- Interior Design and Furnishings
- Presentation and Marketing Materials
- Life Cycle Cost Analysis
- Record Drawings
- Construction Supervision

References

- Trinity United Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas
- St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Beaumont, Texas
- Diocese of Beaumont, Beaumont, Texas
- The Salvation Army, Beaumont, Texas
- Lamar University-Port Arthur, Port Arthur, Texas
- Hardin-Jefferson I.S.D., Sour Lake, Texas
- Kelly Catholic High School, Beaumont, Texas
- St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas
- St. Mary Hospital, Port Arthur, Texas
- St. Michael Health Care Center, Texarkana, Texas
- Texas Dept. of MHMR, Austin, Texas
- Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
- City of Beaumont, Beaumont, Texas
- City of Port Arthur, Port Arthur, Texas
- Port of Beaumont, Beaumont, Texas
- United Way, Beaumont, Texas

Our Staff

DOHN H. LaBICHE, AIA

Position - Principal, LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc.

Registration - Registered Architect, Texas/1986, NCARB/1986

Education - McNeese State University/Associate Degree in Architecture/1979
Louisiana State University/Bachelor of Architecture/1983

Continuing Education

ADA Facilities Compliance Seminar
American Hospital Association Code Compliance Seminar
Southern Standard Building Code Seminar

Experience

Dohn LaBiche has been an associate in this firm since 1985. He serves as both marketing representative and project manager for the firm's diverse work in municipal, state, medical, and institutional projects. Dohn serves on many civic building committees, advising boards on maintenance and handicapped accessibility issues affecting their new and existing facilities.

Dohn is active in the Texas Society of Architects where he is a board member, a past executive board secretary, and serves as chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Prior to joining the firm, Dohn was employed by Lamar University where he was involved in numerous renovation projects and assisted in the interior design of the university's Montagne Center.

Awards and Activities

- Member of the Texas Society of Architects
- Member of the American Institute of Architects
- Chapter Director, Southeast Texas Chapter, AIA, 1987-1989
- President, Southeast Texas Chapter, AIA, 1993
- Chairman of Design Committee, BUILD, INC. Beaumont Downtown Development, 1986-1987
- Chairman, Salvation Army Advisory Board, Beaumont, Texas, 1991-1992
- Member of Young Men's Business League
- Who's Who in Texas recipient, 1984
- Arbitrator with American Arbitration Association
- Board Member, Metropolitan YMCA, Past
- Board of Directors, YMBL, 1993
- Commissioner, City of Beaumont Planning Commission, 1996-97
- Board of Adjustment, City of Beaumont, 1996-97
- Texas Society of Architects, State Board 1994-1997
- Texas Society of Architects, Membership Services and Development Chairman, 1996-1997
- Texas Society of Architects, Long Range Planning Committee, 1996-1997
- Texas Society of Architects, Executive Board Secretary, 1997
- Texas Society of Architects, Governmental Affairs Committee, Chairman, 1998-99

GREGORY M. WALL, AIA

Position - Associate, LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc.

Registration - Registered Architect, Texas/1990

Education

University of Houston/Bachelor of Architecture/1990

Experience

Greg Wall has been an associate in this firm since October 1990. He has served as project coordinator for many of the renovations to St. Elizabeth Hospital's professional buildings and has been involved at every phase of design and construction. Greg has also produced an extensive amount of the construction documents for all of our major projects and has been involved with the construction observation phase of many of these projects.

As a member of the Beaumont Main Street housing committee, Greg has done schematic design for loft apartments in various historical buildings of downtown Beaumont, including the Dixie Hotel and the George Wilson Building. He also designed low-income housing for Habitat for Humanity.

Awards and Activities

- Member, Southeast Texas Chapter AIA
- Member, American Institute of Architects
- Member, University of Houston Alumni Organization
- Member of Young Men's Business League
- Newsletter Editor, Southeast Texas Chapter AIA, 1991-1995
- Member, Texas Society of Architects
- Committee Member, Downtown Housing Committee, Beaumont Main Street, 1994-1996
- Board Member, Design Committee, Habitat for Humanity, 1996-1997
- Secretary/Treasurer, Southeast Texas Chapter, AIA, 1999
- President, Southeast Texas Chapter, AIA, 200-2001

JUSTIN PAUL HOWARD

Position - Associate, The LaBiche Architectural Group

Education - Texas A&M University
- Bachelor of Environmental Design, 1996
- Master of Architecture, 1999

Experience

Justin Howard joined the firm in August of 2000, as an intern-architect. He is currently the project manager for several projects, including medical, commercial and educational renovations.

Prior to joining the firm, Justin was employed by Arcon Architects, Inc. where he served as their project manager for the construction of the new Silsbee High School campus from August 1999 - July 2000. He also was the project designer/manager for a large Modernization project for the City of Orange Housing Authority. Justin also gained considerable experience during his education as an employee of Texas A&M University's Physical Plant and Library System. He was involved with accessibility assessments, roof replacement projects, master planning, and general renovation. He was responsible for the redesign of the Main Library's renovation, including space planning and furnishings planning.

Organizations

- Member, Young Men's Business League
- Member, Southeast Texas Chapter, AIA
- Member, American Institute of Architects
- Member, Beaumont A&M Club

Awards and Activities

- Member of the Texas A&M University student/intern charrette team which placed first in the 1997 Texas Society of Architects Annual Convention's Student Design Competition
- Speaker at the 1998 Texas Society of Architects Annual Convention's **"Student and Intern Values"** Roundtable Discussion.

KRISTAL GRAFF WILKE

Position - Interior Design Consultant, LaBiche Architectural Group, Inc.

Education - Lamar University/Student
B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences specializing in Interior Design - graduation - Spring 2002.

Experience

Kristal Wilke has been employed with this firm since July 1992. She has been our Office Administrator since the onset of employment, and has served as the Interiors Consultant since 1996. Kristal has been involved with all phases of finishes selections and has worked with most of our clients including The City of Beaumont, Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital, Jefferson County, Christus St. Michael Health Care Center, Hardin-Jefferson Independent School District and Lamar University.

Organizations

- Member, Lamar University Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers

Experience

Church Facilities

Wesley United Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas

Designed a new 20,000 sq. ft. building which houses a 750 seat worship space, multiple classroom facilities, and administrative offices.

2000 Renovations to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beaumont, Texas

New copper roof and cupola glazing; replacement of windows; renovations to sanctuary, exterior of education wing, Fellowship Hall, classrooms; and drainage improvements.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas

Additions and renovations including alteration of the chancel area, repair and refinishing of interior sanctuary surfaces and furniture, improvement of lighting and acoustics; construction of new classroom wing of approximately 3,000 sq. ft.

New Parish Hall, St. Therese Church, Orange, Texas

The project consists of a 4,000 sq. ft. Meeting/Dining Hall with kitchen and restrooms.

First United Methodist Church, Silsbee, Texas

Renovations to Craven Building and creation of nursery in north wing of the sanctuary building.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beaumont, Texas

Renovations to 600-seat sanctuary to update the H.V.A.C. system, improve acoustics, restore interior, and repair leaking roof and walls. Addition of new 18 rank pipe organ to existing sanctuary. Addition of a new 3,200 sq. ft. office wing.

Educational

Additions and Renovations to St. Anne Catholic School, Beaumont, Texas

A new addition to accommodate administrative offices, library, science laboratory, computer laboratory, faculty lounge, faculty workroom, and three classrooms each for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades; improvements to student drop-off and pick-up shelters and parking facilities.

Multipurpose Addition to Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School, Beaumont, Texas

This 28,000 sq. ft. project includes an innovative "Black Box" theater, gymnasium with seating for 500 spectators, and eight classrooms.

Gymnasium Renovations and Additions to Sour Lake elementary, Sour Lake, Texas

After suffering fire damage to the school's only enclosed gymnasium, the project's scope was to take the remainder of the facility (roof cover and slab) and transform it into a new enclosed 10,800 sq. ft. gymnasium.

Renovations to Band Hall and Dressing Room, Sour Lake, Texas

The project consists of a 3,600 sq. ft. junior high band hall with enhanced acoustics and a 1,200 sq. ft. addition onto the existing gymnasium for a restroom and varsity dressing room for 160 students.

Dressing Rooms, Henderson Middle School, China Texas

Renovation of girl's dressing rooms, shower and restrooms at Henderson Jr. High School.

Lamar University Re-Roofing, Beaumont, Texas

Re-roofing of John Gray Library and John Gray Center.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur, Port Arthur, Texas

Re-roofing of various buildings on Port Arthur campus.

Lamar University Renovations, Beaumont, Texas

Renovations to Maes Building, Education Building, Music, Geology, and Physics Buildings, including glass and glazing renovations.

Speech and Hearing Building, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas

Remodeling and renovation of 19,800 sq. ft. facilities for the Speech and Hearing Department to provide expanded diagnostic, treatment, and administrative facilities.

Stadium Lighting, Hardin-Jefferson I.S.D., Sour Lake, Texas

New lighting for football stadium.

Beaumont State School, Beaumont, Texas

New Roof and HVAC system replacement.

Educational and Administration Offices for St. Elizabeth Hospital, Gay Lynn Shopping Center, Beaumont, Texas

The project was an 18,000 sq. ft. renovation of an existing retail store into a new facility to house the billing department, disposable medical services, dietary program offices and educational classrooms to be used by Lamar University.

First Steps Lab, Beaumont, Texas

A 4,400 sq. ft. classroom facility for "Early Childhood" treatment of the mentally retarded.

Regional State Center, Port Arthur, Texas

Facility for handicapped including diagnostic, classroom, dining, occupational and training center.

Housing

Woodlands Village, Beaumont, Texas

A 600-unit retirement center planned for on a 55 acre wooded tract adjacent to Schlesinger Geriatric Center. The plan features 3 apartment buildings (240 units), 90 quadrplexes (360 units), central dining, recreational and administration facilities, and outdoor recreation spaces.

Schlesinger's Home, Beaumont, Texas

215-bed facility for skilled nursing and post-hospital extended care for geriatric patients.

Sears Memorial Retirement Center, Abilene, Texas

Master site plan and schematic design for an 11-acre retirement village. The work included an expansion to an existing nursing center, expansion to an existing retirement apartment complex, and design of 70 new living units.

Holy Family Center, Beaumont, Texas

Designed multipurpose space to accommodate up to 400 persons for assembly, celebration of Holy Eucharist, or dining; sleeping accommodations for 96 persons; conference rooms (3) for 40 persons each; office (6) for Retreat Center staff, with work room, kitchenette, toilets, and small chapel; convent for two resident religious with two guestrooms; caretakers residence; maintenance building.

New Facilities for Beaumont Salvation Army, Beaumont, Texas

A 22,000 sq. ft. Building including transient housing, kitchen facilities, classrooms, chapel, gymnasium and office space.

Municipal Facilities

City of Beaumont, Neighborhood Park, Beaumont, Texas

Design of new park including restrooms, picnic shelters, playground equipment, tennis court, softball fields, basketball court, and jogging track.

City of Beaumont Fire Stations, Beaumont, Texas

Three new fire stations for the city of Beaumont.

Dannenbaum Station, Beaumont, Texas

New bus terminal for City of Beaumont public transportation system.

City of Port Arthur Boardwalk, Port Arthur, Texas

Project consists of the installation of a treated wood boardwalk on reinforced concrete foundations including lighting, landscaping, site work irrigation, and site furnishings.

City of Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation, Boardwalk Offices, Port Arthur, Texas

New elevated office building and access tower for the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation.

City of Port Arthur, Washington Park Swimming Pool & Bathhouse, Port Arthur, Texas

New swimming pool and bathhouse facility.

New Headquarters for drainage District No. 6, Beaumont, Texas

The new complex includes a 4,500 sq. ft. administration building, a 14,000 sq. ft. vehicle maintenance building and equipment shelter, wash rack and fuel island.

New Administration Building, Port of Beaumont, Beaumont, Texas

A new 10,000 sq. ft. office building including landscaping, furnishings and artwork.

Historical Restoration and Re-Roofing of Jefferson County Courthouse, Beaumont, Texas

Re-roofing and restoration of the exterior of the courthouse.

Medical & Professional

Suite 312, Park Medical ii, Dr. Thomas' Office, Beaumont, Texas

Renovations of office to provide for new doctor's suite.

Suite 103, Park Medical I, Dr. Colgan's Office, Beaumont, Texas

Renovations of office to provide for new doctor's suite.

Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas

Tenant improvements in Park Med I Building.

Cath Lab, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas

Tenant improvements in Park Med I Building including addition of fully equipped cath lab.

Tenant Improvements, North Professional Building and Calder Professional Building, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas

Planning and construction administration of new tenant spaces and consultant in modernization and code compliance.

ST. Elizabeth Hospital, Health Resource Center, Beaumont, Texas

Remodeling and renovation of 5,000 sq. ft. satellite health center located in Parkdale Mall. The center contains classrooms, offices, library, exam rooms, counseling rooms, and a cooking demonstration area.

St. Elizabeth Hospital, Health Resource Center, Silsbee, Texas

Renovations of a 2,800 sq. ft. building to provide classroom, storage, and waiting area for new resource clinic.

Renovations to Southeast Texas Rehabilitation Hospital, Beaumont, Texas

A 6,300 sq. ft. build-out of rental space for Physical Therapy Facilities.

New Outpatient Rehab Facility-Southeast Texas Rehabilitation Hospital, Beaumont, Texas

Diagnostic and treatment facilities for 6 doctors, including physical therapy, exercise and motion evaluation, as tenant build-out in 7,000 sq. ft. of rented space.

New Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Suite for St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas

The facility is a 7,000 sq. ft. area, which houses an indoor swimming pool, locker rooms, weight room, occupational therapy area, treatment area, waiting and offices.

Improvement to Southern Clinic, Texarkana, Texas

Tenant improvements for clinic at St. Michael Health Care Center.

Sleep Lab for St. Michael Health Care Center, Texarkana, Texas

Renovation of 5th floor with addition of 4-bed sleep lab and monitoring area.

Chiller Installation for St. Michael Rehab Hospital, Texarkana Texas

Redesign and installation of chiller system.

ADA Study Northeast Texas Surgical Center, Texarkana, Texas

Research and modification of existing surgical suite to meet compliance with Texas Accessibility Standards.