

In a move that identifies and elevates the next generation of senior management, Epstein has made a series of restructuring moves.

"The new organization will enable us to serve our clients better by putting our younger leaders who manage the day-to-day work for our clients in a position of greater authority to serve them," says Michael Damore, AIA, an executive managing director of the firm.

The new directors are:

→ David Scott, responsible for all architectural, interior design and technical services. Scott has been at Epstein since 1995.

→ Thomas E. Smiles, heading up the firm's engineering services (civil, MEP/FP and structural), as well as strategic consulting and sustainability services. He joined the firm in 1990.

→ Jason Chandler, AIA, directing project management. He arrived at Epstein in 2002.

→ Janusz Lichocki, in charge of the firm's international operations, which at present includes offices in Warsaw, Poland, and Bucharest, Romania. Lichocki has been at Epstein since 1996, for the past 10 years as managing principal for the Warsaw office.

→ Thomas R. Samuels, a former principal at Higgins Development Partners, who joins Epstein as director of business development.

→ Christine Paccione-Anderson, directing corporate services, which includes human resources, accounting, facilities and information technology. She came to Epstein in 2000.

Epstein also promoted Nikki O'Donnell to vice president, business development. She has been at the firm since 2002.



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Morgante Wilson Architects and LG Development

are converting Wicker Park's former Get Me High Lounge into a three-story single-family home with many green features, aiming for LEED-Platinum certification. The home will have solar hydronic panels, high-efficiency radiant floor heat and cooling systems, rainwater harvesting for irrigation, and recycled content in the foundation concrete and fiber cement siding. Joists in the existing building will be re-purposed into stair treads and shelving in the new iteration.



Paul De Santis

Paul De Santis, LEED AP, is now a principal at Goettsch Partners.

He joined the firm in 2005 as a senior associate and has recently been concentrating on the firm's large-scale office, hospitality and mixed-use projects in China.

Also at Goettsch: Joseph Patrick, AIA, LEED AP, and Hiroshi Sango became senior associates; and Daniel J. Lipetzky, LEED AP, and Alexi Hai Wang, AIA, LEED AP, became associates.

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organizers of the AIA Chicago Bridge program that links young architects with more established members of the architecture community, are now operating Bridge 2.0. For its community outreach component, the program is partnering with archi-treasures on several community design/build projects.