

RESUME

Robert D. Kempkes



Bob Kempkes has been a licensed architect for thirty-two years with thirty years as a founding principal of Taylor/Kempkes Architects in Hot Springs, AR. Bob has served as project architect on various types and sizes of projects and also as a developer beginning with the Weir Building Restaurant and Office in 1988.

In 2008, Bob and his partners developed Quapaw Baths and Spa which opened as the first renovated bathhouse in Hot Springs National Park and provides thermal bathing and spa services.

Bob and his partners also developed The Waters Hotel in 2016 in an historic downtown Hot Springs building. The boutique Ascend Collection hotel has 62 rooms, a restaurant and Blushed Beauty Boutique.

Bob and Taylor/Kempkes have been involved in numerous historic preservation projects since the founding of the firm. The 1988 renovation of the Mountain Valley Spring Company headquarters was selected for a National Preservation Honor Award in conjunction with the National Park Service for the Public – Private Partnership that enhanced both the City of Hot Springs and Hot Springs National Park. The firm has won numerous state preservation awards over the years. This year Bob Kempkes and Anthony Taylor are being with the Parker Westbrook Lifetime Achievement Award from Preserve Arkansas.

Certifications

Architectural Licenses:

Arkansas	Kansas	Louisiana	Mississippi	Alabama
Tennessee	Missouri	Oklahoma	Texas	Illinois

Education

1979 Bachelor of Architecture Degree, University of Arkansas

Affiliations

American Institute of Architects
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
Former Board Member Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas
Former Chairman Hot Springs Historic District Commission
State Review Committee for Historic Preservation