Bob Blaha spent his 36-year career at the St. Louis home office of the global design firm Hellmuth, Obata, and Kassabaum (HOK). He served as Group Vice President and Director of Interior Design, HOK North Central Region.

Bob’s work has concentrated in the corporate and commercial arenas.

In describing his approach, Bob says he prefers strongly conceived, clean, well-detailed design that is not wasteful. Ultimately, however, he allows the needs of the client to determine the design of each project.

“While architects typically deal with an executive in charge of the project, perhaps a building committee, or a sole client, interior designers may answer to every user group in the organization. We can often end up with hundreds of clients on a single project, and presenting to these subgroups sets up a completely different dynamic.”

Bob sees his legacy to be the respect he earned resulting in great relationships—with clients and young designers.

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