

J. Scott O'Brien, AIA

Scott O'Brien, AIA, heads the Chapel Hill, North Carolina, office of Lord Aeck Sargent. In addition to directing the activities of the office, O'Brien, a principal with the firm, is an experienced architect working on science and historic preservation projects on college, university and corporate campuses in the Raleigh-Durham/Research Triangle Park area and elsewhere across the southeast.

With nearly 20 years of architectural experience O'Brien's expertise includes laboratory and educational projects in both the public and private sectors. He has played key roles on firm projects such as the Georgia Public Health Laboratory (Atlanta), a recognized U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Labs21 high-performance lab that was named *R&D Magazine's* 1998 Laboratory of the Year; the Emory Genetics Laboratory; the University of North Carolina's Genetic Medicine Building; and the award-winning Zoo Atlanta Action Resource Center. He has also led teams in the design and construction of schools and cultural facilities.

O'Brien received his master's degree in architecture from Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was awarded the Henry Adams Gold Medal for being first in his graduating class of 1992. He holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from McGill University, providing a background that is especially relevant in the design of complex research laboratory buildings.

O'Brien is a member of the American Institute of Architects and is a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) certificate holder.

In his leisure time, O'Brien enjoys soccer, tennis, sailing and spending time with his family. He resides in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with his wife Emily and their two children.

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