

Robert J. Begle

Bob Begle is a Lord Aeck Sargent (LAS) principal in the firm's Urban Design & Planning practice area and is its primary designer. In this role, he has undertaken a wide range of design and planning projects including urban redevelopment plans, community master plans, housing and feasibility studies, facility master plans and architectural design. His comprehensive approach to design seeks to create communities and places that are dynamic, diverse and holistic. It also includes the notion that there are frequently many equally viable ways to solve a problem, each with its own inherent benefits and disadvantages, and that problem-solving is best accomplished in a collaborative manner in which both designer and client bring their ideas and expertise to the table.

In 1997, following three years of deep involvement with pre-Olympic preparations as manager of the Corporation for Olympic Development in Atlanta's (CODA) urban redevelopment staff, Begle co-founded Urban Collage, which in 2013 became a practice area of LAS through a merger of the two firms. His professional highlights include significant experience in housing design, neighborhood planning, zoning and design guidelines, site planning, transit-oriented development, mixed-use village centers, tax allocation districts, Livable Center Initiatives, public housing redevelopment and community participation.

Many of Begle's plans have earned awards from the Georgia Planning Association, the U.S. Green Building Council, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and Georgia Trend/Georgia Municipal Association.

Begle currently is an Urban Plan facilitator for ULI (Urban Land Institute) Atlanta and serves on the board of directors for the Atlanta Public Art Legacy Fund and Sandy Springs Revitalization Inc. (SSRI), where he chaired the SSRI Urban Design Committee. Earlier, he served on the board of the Sandy Springs Business Association.

In addition, Begle has been a panelist for such organizations as the Urban Land Institute, the ULI Atlanta Center for Leadership, the Georgia Conservancy, the League of Historic American Theatres and the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors. He serves intermittently as a visiting instructor, critic and presenter for the Georgia Institute of Technology's College of Architecture and also occasionally serves as a jurist in design competitions.

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Begle earned his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan and his master's degree in architecture from the Georgia Institute of Technology. It was at Georgia Tech that his interest in city planning took root and also where he was the recipient of the American Institute of Architects' Henry Adams Certificate of Achievement (1993) and Georgia Tech's scholarship for the highest rank in the architecture program (Spring 1992 and Winter 1993).

Begle, his wife and their two children reside in metro Atlanta, in the city of Sandy Springs. In his leisure time, he enjoys cooking, oil painting and reading. He is also an avid sports fan.

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