GEORGE EVERDING was born in Missouri and grew up in New York, Tennessee, California, Florida, Italy, and Virginia. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis. A licensed architect, his career spanned 40 years, including 15 years in private practice, and comprised the entire scope of architectural services from pre-design through post-construction on a broad range of project types and sizes.

George helped community-based groups evaluate urban redevelopment opportunities, select sites, and prepare funding proposals. For a private developer, he master planned large-scale residential and commercial projects. His design portfolio included churches, stores, offices, and residences, with a focus on urban infill and historic restorations. In mid-career, George specialized in construction administration and specifications, which led him to join CSI. Recognizing the value of certification to the construction industry, he began a long tenure of service to the Institute’s certification programs.

In education, George’s influence as a teacher, mentor, and CSI leader motivated others toward personal growth and professional development. A frequent seminar presenter, he helped a generation of construction professionals better understand CSI principles and practices. He was a faculty member at Washington University in St. Louis and at St. Louis Community College at Meramec, teaching classes on the fundamentals of specifications and building materials. While a specifier for one of the country’s largest design firms, he developed a program to provide CDT training that reinforced a corporate culture demanding quality construction documentation on every project.

George has been a powerful advocate of CSI’s certification program, driven to safeguard and improve its traditional excellence. His work on task teams evaluating CSI’s four credentials launched an innovative committee restructuring that improves efficiency and fosters visionary thought. During his tenure as chair of the Certification Committee Strategic Group, he has been instrumental in developing the Institute’s certification strategic plan to assure that the program maintains relevancy and standards compliance in an evolving industry.

George Everding and his wife, Maureen O'Day, retired in 2014. They live in St. Louis, and remain active in the Greater St. Louis Chapter of CSI.