

Lee C. Murray*, FCSI



*"In recognition of your outstanding capability, competence, and skill in writing and utilizing construction specifications within the building construction field, and your notable contribution to the advancement of the Institute through your chapter service and while Director of Region 9, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 4th day of June, 1969."
Houston, Texas*



LEE CLOYD MURRAY was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1923. He graduated from Central High School in 1941, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering from Oklahoma A&M in 1949. His college years were interrupted by WWII; he joined the Navy Air Corps and was called to active duty in October 1943. He served in the US Navy, training as a pilot. 1943. He flew SB2C "Helldivers," and was discharged as an Ensign. Upon discharge, he returned to college and changed his major to architecture.

In 1955 Lee joined the architectural firm David G. Murray and Associates, and in 1957 was named a partner in the architectural firm Murray Jones Murray (MJM). MJM became a nationally recognized architectural firm, responsible for some of Oklahoma's most iconic modern structures.

Murray received his architecture license in 1954, and joined his architect brother in the firm of Murray Jones Murray. In 1963, he received his license as a professional engineer, and

remained active in the firm. In 1990 the company was sold to the employees.

In 1986, his professional career took a new turn when he spent two years in Saudi Arabia with the firm of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, performing value engineering studies on building projects worth some ten billion dollars. He also assisted in teaching Saudi personnel the professional methods for performing value engineering studies. Later, he performed more value engineering studies in Kuwait for a government complex for the King.

After returning to the US, he began teaching value engineering theory at the University Center in Tulsa as part of a master's program. He retired from architectural practice but continued to consult as a Certified Value Specialist.

Lee also was active in AIA, a founding member of its eastern Oklahoma chapter.

Murray passed away on 7 January 2014.

CSI Membership

Tulsa Chapter

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, FY 1968-1970

Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice President, FY 1962

President, FY 1964

Awards

Specifications Competition, First Place, 1963

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