

LEED COUNCIL FOCUSES ON A MEMBER: STRUCTURED DEVELOPMENT

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Structured Development was formed in January 2002 to pursue unique real estate development opportunities. Leveraging its vast experience in the real estate market, Structured Development engages in complex real estate transactions which include historical landmark renovations; industrial plant improvement projects and large mixed-use centers. Working with partners or for its own account, Structured Development strives to enhance the value of real estate and to improve the urban and suburban fabric through conscious and innovative real estate development.

Mike Drew co-founded Structured Development with Dan Lukas in January 2002. Prior to founding Structured, since 1975, Mike was engaged in general construction contracting. Prior to founding Structured, since 1985, Dan was engaged in the practice of law with the law firm of Seyfarth Shaw where he handled a wide range of real estate, tax, financing, and corporate matters, gaining an expertise in the representation of real estate development firms.



With experience in projects as diverse as the historic landmark, Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Powerhouse building, to urban retail development projects such as Lincoln Park Center to large mixed-use developments such as Blackhawk/ Halsted, Structured Development excels in the most challenging and complex real estate transactions.



Mike said, "There are always obstacles and challenges in real estate development. The common one is changing the use of a property that may not be well received by others." When asked what he liked about the area, he stated, "We have really invested in the area. We converted the British School building in the Halsted River Triangle and redeveloped the Kendall College building on Goose Island. We will be excited to complete the New City project which has

plans for restaurants, grocery store, a movie theater and shopping.” Mike continued, “Transportation could be improved with new road surfaces, traffic light signal improvements also an expanding Red Line stop.”

When asked what makes your company unique? Mike responded, “We don’t work for fees and we don’t do third party work. We do real estate development, unlike other developers that develop property and sell it; we at Structured Development keep the properties that we develop and stay in the community. Mike said he interacts with the LEED Council by attending the Infrastructure Taskforce meetings and has an open dialogue with the organization regarding developments in the community.



According to Mike, a good lunch recommendation in the area is Finkel’s Deli.

Thank you Structured Development for your support!