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### **AIA MICHIGAN ANNOUNCES 2013 KORAB AWARD WINNER**

June 12, 2013- Detroit, Michigan- The American Institute of Architects Michigan is proud to announce the Balthazar Korab Award will be awarded at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 14th at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA) in Ann Arbor. This award is named in honor of Balthazar Korab, Hon. AIA, renowned architect and photographer, who spent his career breathing life into architecture and the built environment. The Korab Award may be given each year in recognition of an individual's significant effort and contribution to architecture and/or the arts.

Gary D. Quesada, Esq., Hon. Aff. AIAMI was a protégé of Balthazar Korab and learned to use the camera to capture and convey the beauty and intent of architectural design. His contributions to architecture do not end with photography; he has long been an advocate for the design profession and the AIA.

Quesada's work with the AIA Michigan Government Affairs Committee has been both monumental and invaluable. Gary served as co-chair of the Government Affairs Committee from 1998-2011, was the chair of the Professional Practice Task Force from 2001-2011, has served 9 years as the Government Affairs attorney and developed many recommendations on legislative initiatives. Quesada also led the promotion and passage of Senate Bill 77 in 2011, which was a huge victory in statute of limitations reform.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, established its awards program to bring to public attention the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard.

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