

Alan Jesse Cuteri, AIA



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Firm: Poli & Cuteri Architects.

Family: Wife, Debbie Smucker Cuteri; son, Clayton Alexander Cuteri.

Years in practice: 14

Education: Carnegie Mellon University.

Project you're most proud of: Our firm's new office.

Building you wish you had designed: Chapel of Notre Dame du Haut, Ronchamp, France.

Building you would like to tear down: The Syria Mosque, oops—someone beat me to it. I am still hearing impaired from the last concert I attended there.

Favorite Pittsburgh office tower: CNG Building.

Someday you'd like to: Start the Howard Rourke Society, dedicated to the elimination of horrid architecture. The first target would be the new county jail, the second target, Sheraton Station Square, third target, ???.

Favorite building: The Chrysler Building in New York—great gargoyles!

If you could live anywhere where would it be? I would love to live on Maui between the ocean and a golf course.

Favorite Pittsburgh neighborhood: Shadyside circa 1978-1980.

What is the best part of your job? The best thing about my profession as an architect is seeing what I have designed being constructed.

Why do you belong to the AIA? I belong to the AIA because Pittsburgh has one of the best chapters in the country. Involvement with the chapter keeps me current on significant issues facing the profession and membership allows me to make a difference in the public perception and understanding of architecture.

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