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Architect, urban designer, professor and a real estate developer. With offices in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico, he is a founding principal and partner of CALOTT + GIFFORD Architecture / Urban Design with Thomas Gifford, AIA (1999) and INFILL SOLUTIONS, *Innovative Urban Design and Development* with Jay Rembe (2000). Their work focuses on innovative mixed-use housing, urban design, non-profit, municipal and cultural facilities projects, operating principally in the urban ecologies of the American Southwest, attempting to address issues of regional building techniques, dense urban typologies as well as the local landscape. He rigorously practices “architecture as a form of urbanism” and his firms’ projects have been instrumental in revitalizing neighborhoods throughout Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Gallup, Dona Ana and Silver City. His two firms have received extraordinary recognition for their unique design work in “infill” architecture, urban design, Art collaborations, historic renovations and culturally-based projects which include over 40 state, regional and national “Design Awards”. In 2007 INFILL SOLUTIONS was acknowledged by *BUILDERnews* magazine, the largest regional building trade magazine in the nation, as the top architect / developer in 10 Western states for their urban “infill” projects. And in 2009, CALOTT + GIFFORD were recognized with the prestigious *Harner Award* presented by the Thornburg Charitable Foundation awarded for the best piece of Contemporary architecture in the State of New Mexico.



Christopher Calott received a *B.A., Honors*, in *Urban Theory & Design* from Brown University, a *Certificate in Architecture & Urban Design* from the Institute for Architecture & Urban Studies, New York and his *Masters of Architecture* from

Princeton University. Professionally he has worked with Arthur Erickson, HFAIA in Los Angeles and Vancouver and for Michael Graves, FAIA in Princeton, New Jersey. He was a Lead Design Architect for Antoine Predock, FAIA for over six years and established Mr. Predock's Los Angeles office.

He has been invited to teach housing, urban design, architecture and landscape architecture studios at Yale University, Auburn University, the University of Miami, the University of Minnesota, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Maryland, the Universidad de Anahuac in Mexico City, the Centro Metropolitano De Arquitectura Sostenible / Universidad Politecnica De Cataluna in Mexico City, the Instituto Superior de Arquitectura y Diseno in Chihuahua, Mexico, the Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and, ISTHMUS: School of Architecture & Design of Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama City, Panama. For four years, he led the 10-week *Mexico Summer Urban Design Studio* based in internationally-renowned Mexican architect Luis Barragan's house and studio in Mexico City, a collaboration between the University of Arkansas and the Universidad de Anahuac, Mexico City.

Mr. Calott is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Mexico School of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Planning teaching classes in Urbanism and participating in the School's *Southwest Summer Institute*. For five years he was the *Professor-in-Practice of Architecture & Urban Design*, with appointments in both the Architecture and Planning faculty, actively participating in the School's *Design Planning and Assistance Center*, among other Programs. While at the University of New Mexico, Mr. Calott was instrumental in building the School's bridges with Mexico through international faculty / student collaborations with several Universities throughout Mexico. He has lectured widely throughout the United States, Mexico and Latin America on housing, urban design and US - Mexico Border issues. His special interest and research into the urban conditions at the US - Mexico Border region around Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua - Sunland Park, New Mexico resulted in the international competition and publication of the 7th *Concurso Internacional ARQUINE: Un cruce fronterizo en Anapra, Ciudad Juarez/Sunland Park, Nuevo Mexico* in 2005.