Belt Collins – Principal Biographies

The following pages include short biographies of all principals representing major disciplines at Belt Collins. The firm is proud of the fact that the women and men shown here reflect the ethnic diversity of the regions where it operates in the Pacific Basin. It is worth noting that the firm's leadership also demonstrates gender diversity, which resulted in the firm receiving a prestigious Leadership Award from the YWCA in 2000.



James R. Bell, FASLA, FAICP

Chairman M., Regional Planning, Cornell University B.S., Land Planning, Cornell University

Mr. Bell has over 45 years of experience in a wide variety of projects in the field of landscape architecture, city, county and regional planning, urban renewal, zoning and subdivision, and capital programming for government and private industries. In addition, he has considerable experience in the management of multi-discipline landscape architecture, planning and engineering projects. Mr. Bell has led the firm since the late 1960s. He has mentored young leaders in the firm and has been a major force in promoting women to positions of leadership



Thomas P. Papandrew, FASLA, AIA

Chairman Emeritus B. Arch., Architecture, Arizona State University

Mr. Papandrew has extensive experience in landscape architecture, master plan studies and landscape planning, resort planning and architecture, zoning and planning development studies, zoning and planning development studies, and architectural design and graphic presentation as well as airport planning. Mr. Papandrew is the past national president of ASLA and the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF). Currently he is leading a Honolulu non-profit organization and is on the faculty of the University of Hawaii School of Urban and Regional Planning. He also serves as the ASLA's delegate to the IFLA.



Anne Li Mapes

President MBA, International Business, University of Hawaii, Manoa B.S., French and English Literature, Columbia University

Ms. Mapes serves as president of the firm, and is responsible for all of the company's activities. As a senior planner with over 25 years of experience, she is also responsible for managing and preparing planning reports, including site environmental and economic impact analyses, environmental impact assessments, feasibility studies, land use permit applications and management plans.



Raymond F. Cain, FASLA

Senior Principal/Landscape Architect M.A., Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois B.A., Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois

Mr. Cain is a specialist in resort and recreation area design, residential landscape architecture, landscape development, and golf course design and development throughout the Pacific Basin. His landscape architectural designs for hotels and resorts in Asia are considered innovative and trend setting. He is also involved with the direction and promotion of the firm's landscape architectural services worldwide. He has worked on projects in more than 50 countries, and has mentored landscape architecture in Asia since the firm's overseas offices. Mr. Cain has promoted landscape architecture in Asia since the mid-1960s and is still traveling and working in that region of the world.



Anthony T. S. Hui, ASLA, HKILA, MLI, SILA

Managing Director, Hong Kong MBA, University of British Columbia, Canada B., Landscape Architecture, University of Toronto, Canada

Mr. Hui has extensive landscape architectural design experience in Asia. As an example of his reach in that part of the world, he and his colleagues in the Belt Collins Hong Kong office are presently working on over 100 landscape design projects in Peoples Republic of China, which is emerging as one of the world's greatest opportunities for landscape architectural work.



Allen Kerton, MLJ, SILA

Managing Director, Singapore B.A. (Honors), Landscape Architecture, Thames Polytechnic, London, UK Diploma (Honors) Landscape Architecture, Thames Polytechnic, London, UK

During his 13 years at Belt Collins, Mr. Kerton has worked on the landscape architectural design for many of Asia's premier hotel, residential, commercial, recreational, and infrastructure developments. He has extensive international design experience in diverse projects in more than 25 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East and Europe.



Elizabeth C. Gayle, P.E. Managing Director, Guam B.S., Civil Engineering, University of California, Irvine

Ms. Gayle's areas of expertise include water and sewer systems, roadways, storm drainage, site development, and traffic analysis. During her 14 years of experience she has also worked on environmental and engineering studies using engineering and science fundamentals. She is currently the chairperson of the Professional Architects and Engineers (PEALS) Board in Guam.



Somwong Leevanijkul

Managing Director, Thailand M., Landscape Architecture (Distinction), Harvard University B., Landscape Architecture, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Mr. Leevanijkul has concentrated mainly on large-scale projects throughout Thailand. These projects include educational/sports/recreation, commercial, residential, hotels/resorts and tourism planning and design. In the latter area, he has prepared several key tourism development studies for landscape and facilities improvement throughout Thailand and Indonesia. He has also master planned several new Thai university campuses.



Peter A.J. Geyer, Associate ASLA

Managing Director, Seattle B.S., Landscape Architecture, Washington State University Professional Development Program, Harvard Graduate School of Design

Mr. Geyer presently is responsible for professional, design quality and field aspects of Belt Collins' work on the continental U.S., and in particular the Northwest. Mr. Geyer also has extensive design experience in such diverse areas as China, Florida, Kenya, Fiji, the Philippines, Hawaii and Australia.



Michael B. Terry, ASLA, CLARB

Vice President/Senior Principal/Director of Landscape Architecture B.L.A., Landscape Architecture, Kansas State University

Mr. Terry manages the firm's Landscape Architecture Department and works closely with Belt Collins' planners. He has supervised and worked on a wide range of landscape and planning projects. He has expertise in landscape design, environmental planning entitlements permitting, land management, and resort and recreation area design. He was manager of the innovative, award-winning Dole Plantation Maze (designated One of America's Top 100 Adventures by the National Geographic Adventure Magazine).



Cheryl M. Palesh, P.E.

Vice President/Senior Principal/Chief Engineer M.S., Environmental Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology B.S., Chemistry, Roosevelt University

Ms. Palesh has been involved in design, management and coordination for a variety of environmental engineering projects including water and wastewater systems design, evaluation and development of solid waste disposal facilities and permit processing. She also has extensive experience in industrial subdivision and building site development.



Joseph Vierra, Jr., P.E.

Vice President/Senior Principal B.S., General Engineering, University of Portland Postgraduate studies in Transportation, Structural Engineering and Oceanography, University of Hawaii, Manoa

Mr. Vierra has over 30 years experience in the design and engineering of projects throughout Hawaii and the Pacific Basin for the public and private sectors. He has served as project engineer and project manager in the fields of resort infrastructure design and development, highway and roadway design and engineering, airfield design, coastal engineering and water resource investigations.



Susan A. Sakai, APA

Vice President/Senior Principal/Director of Planning M.A., Political Science, University of Hawaii, Manoa B.A., Political Science, University of Hawaii, Manoa

Ms. Sakai has extensive experience in master planning and preparation of environmental assessments (EA) and environmental impact statements (EIS) for public and private sector clients. She is experienced in seeking land use and environmental permits and approvals and specializes in conducting public participation and outreach programs.



Lawrence A. Agena, P.E.

Vice President/Senior Principal/Director of Engineering M.S., Public Health, University of Hawaii, Manoa B.S., Civil Engineering, University of Hawaii, Manoa

Mr. Agena is responsible for the coordination of all engineering work at Belt Collins, including monitoring of project schedules and assignments of manpower. He has 28 years experience in civil and environmental engineering projects for the firm with a special competence in the fields of sanitary, water, solid waste, wastewater engineering, and management of large multi-discipline projects.



Lesley A. Matsumoto

Vice President/Director of Environmental Consulting B.S., Atmospheric Science/Environmental Toxicology, University of California, Davis

Ms. Matsumoto has over 15 years experience in air quality modeling, monitoring, permitting and health risk assessments. She is responsible for staff and projects within the Belt Collins' environmental consulting department. She most recently served as project manager for the preparation of an EIS for the proposed development of Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. Hawaii.