



Parkinson Spirit of Urbanism Award 2004 Award Recipient

Frederick M. Nicholas

The Architectural Guild established the Parkinson Spirit of Urbanism Award to honor an individual or organization that has significantly transformed and enriched the urban landscape of Southern California. The Award was named for John Parkinson and Donald B. Parkinson whose early 20th century civic and commercial projects helped define the urban character of the City of Los Angeles with such buildings as Bullocks Wilshire, Union Station, and the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

This year we honor Frederick M. Nicholas for his life long achievement as a supporter of the arts and its importance to architecture and urban development. Mr. Nicholas, a real estate attorney, has spent over half a century dedicating himself to the arts and the community by helping to promote the work of young artists and budding architects through his work on many groundbreaking projects in southern California including the Art Center College of Design, South Campus in Pasadena, The Walt Disney Concert Hall, and The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) where he serves as a Life Trustee. Throughout his life, Fred has served the public interest from his service as Captain in the United States Army during WWII to his work with the ACLU Foundation and as Founder of Public Counsel, the largest Pro Bono Public Interest law firm in the United States.

Past Parkinson Spirit of Urbanism Award Recipients

- 1993 *Maguire Thomas Partners*
- 1995 *Janss Corporation*
- 1996 *MOCA & Richard Koshalek*
- 1997 *Wayne Ratkovich & The Ratkovich Company*
- 1998 *Ira Yellin & Catellus Development Corporation*
- 1999 *Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas*
- 2000 *The Los Angeles Conservancy*
- 2001 *City of Los Angeles and Project Restore*
- 2003 *The Friends of the Los Angeles River*