

# WAKEFIELD BEASLEY & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS NAMES NEW PRINCIPALS

*ATLANTA, Ga.* - Wakefield Beasley & Associates Architects, the Atlanta based architectural firm that opened offices in Jacksonville approximately three years ago, has named two of its Jacksonville directors, Michael W. Brown and John W. Merritt, as principals of the firm.



**Brown**

Brown, Director of the Jacksonville studio has been in charge of the Jacksonville office since its inception. Merritt joined the firm in February 2004 as Director of Quality Assurance. Michel T. Lentz, a principal of Wakefield Beasley in Atlanta, said Brown and Merritt are among the most knowledgeable architectural executives in Florida.

“Mike Brown and Johnny Merritt have done an amazing job leading our operations in Florida and are an invaluable asset to our overall growth and success,” Lentz said.

Brown, who studied architecture at the University of Florida, has more than 25 years' experience in architectural design and project administration. He joined Wakefield Beasley & Associates three years ago. “The opportunity to be a principal in such a well structured organization is a blessing. Wakefield Beasley & Associates is a firm of high integrity and

client commitment; hallmarks which radiate in every studio of our company,” said Brown.

With more than 34 years' experience in the field of architecture, Merritt is a graduate of the University of Florida and the Army Engineer School. He leads the firm's WBA University educational program. “I am both fortunate and privileged to be able to practice architecture with our firm of so many fine and talented individuals. Together, we place a high value on the educational process supporting the concept of integrating fresh, exciting and relevant design with sound technical knowledge,” said Merritt.

Headquartered in suburban Atlanta, Wakefield Beasley & Associates Architects Inc. is a leading Southeastern architectural and interior Merritt design firm. Founded in 1980 by Richard Lamar Wakefield and John B. Beasley, Jr., the firm provides master planning, architecture, interior design, program management, construction management, furniture procurement and facilities management services. ■



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