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## **David Grout rejoins Gary Lee Partners**

### **Visionary Design Principal will ensure and extend national brand**

**Chicago, Illinois (May 27, 2008)** — Gary Lee Partners, the nationally recognized architecture, interior design, and product design firm, announces the return of David Grout as national Design Principal and Associate Partner.

President Gary L. Lee welcomed the designer back saying; "David played an integral role in making Gary Lee Partners what it is today. His talent and vision are exactly what we're looking for as we move to the next level. We are thrilled to welcome him to our team once again."

Mr. Grout brings over 18 years of experience on design projects that include commercial, residential and hospitality environments. Recently he has focused on the hospitality sector providing innovative solutions for clients such as Elysian Hotels and Resorts, Hotel Jerome in Aspen, and Charlie Trotter Restaurants. Recognized for his design abilities as well as his strategy, management and mentoring skills, Mr. Grout is enthusiastic about his new role as Associate Partner and Design Principal. At Gary Lee Partners, there is a strong commitment to providing the client with principal level involvement. "It is very rewarding to work in an environment with a concerted effort to always improve and the experience to deliver on promises. My goal is to ensure the best possible service and the highest level of quality to our clients."

Thomas J. McWalters, the firm's Managing Principal, sees Mr. Grout's return as a pivotal move in the growth of the firm. "David's diverse experience will give us greater depth. We have always expanded our services to meet to our clients' requirements; now we can be even more responsive. He brings us the wisdom of a very senior practitioner and a fresh perspective."

A graduate of Arizona State University, where he received his Bachelor of Science Design degree, his award winning work has been extensively published and exhibited.

### **About Gary Lee Partners**

Gary Lee Partners is recognized as leading architecture, interior design, and product design firm having received more than seventeen design awards since its founding in 1993. From offices in Chicago, New York, and San Francisco, Gary Lee Partners specializes in the design of workplace, residential, hospitality, retail, and restaurant environments for clients throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. Current clients include Winston & Strawn, The Boston Consulting Group, Madison Dearborn Partners, and Texstyle. For more information, please contact Anne Nowicki at 312.960.8373 or visit [www.garyleepartners.com](http://www.garyleepartners.com)