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American Institute of Architects Virginia Names New Executive Vice President/CEO

RICHMOND, VA May 1, 2017— AIA Virginia is pleased to welcome R. Corey Clayborne, AIA, in his new role as AIA Virginia Executive Vice President/CEO starting Thursday, June 1. He will work in conjunction with departing AIA Virginia Executive Vice President/CEO Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA, whose last day in the position is Friday, June 30.

“Clayborne comes to us with a unique set of qualifications,” says AIA Virginia Immediate Past President and Search Committee Chairperson Nicholas E. Vlattas, AIA. “He is an architect known for his leadership skills and his active participation in the American Institute of Architects on local, state and national levels. We look forward to working with him to mentor the next generation of architects and strengthen architecture and design professions at all levels.”

Currently project manager and senior architect with Wiley | Wilson, his responsibilities include financial health, quality control, operational management and project management for a wide variety of local, state and federal projects. Clayborne is particularly known for his mentorship of the next generation of architects, focusing on their entry into the AIA, licensure and professional and personal group. He has been active in AIA Richmond and AIA Virginia, serving on both boards of directors. He has won numerous awards including the AIA 2017 Young Architects Award and the AIA Virginia 2016 Award for Distinguished Achievement. His service to the community includes the Charlottesville Planning Commission, Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects and the 100 Black Men of Central Virginia Mentoring program.

Clayborne lives in Charlottesville. He graduated from his hometown high school, Gloucester High before going to Virginia Tech where he earned his degree in architecture. He will be AIA Virginia’s sixth Executive Vice President/CEO since the position was created in 1970. Clayborne was one of 70 candidates who applied for his new position.

Dreiling is planning to focus on her own consulting firm. Through her company The Plum Studio, Ltd. she will provide specialized creative and consulting services to non-profits and design firms. Her offerings will be based on her leadership and management experience and will include cultural transformation, leadership development, corporate governance, change management, professional coaching, organizational resilience and strategic visioning.

About AIA Virginia

AIA Virginia is a society of the American Institute of Architects and represents nearly 2,500 architects throughout Virginia. Founded by five architects in 1914, AIA Virginia is the voice of the architecture profession in the

Commonwealth, dedicated to serving its members, advancing their value, and improving the quality of the built environment. For more information, contact AIA Virginia at [\(804\) 644-3041](tel:8046443041) or visit www.aiava.org.

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