

GAYLE TSERN STRANG, AIA

California Architect license C27873 (since September, 1999)
+25 years of professional experience in private, non-profit and public sectors
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Gayle is a creative leader with a passion for enduring designs for the built environment and the dynamics of social space. Her leadership in shepherding architectural design and institutional processes is principled to achieve aspirational outcomes. From a broad range of private and public project experience, her work honors the legacy of historic resources and sees adaptive reuse and redevelopment to perpetuate its meaningful use and sustainability.

Gayle has lived and worked in San Francisco since 1992. She and her partner are the third owners, and current stewards, of the historically restored 1937 Darling Residence, San Francisco, one of the first built works in Northern California by architect Richard Neutra. In consultation with historian Barbara Lamprecht and Raymond Neutra, the Darling House underwent restoration to original detailing and design from 2019 to 2024. Restoration meticulously adhered to an appreciation that this early work marked Neutra's transition from early Viennese Modernist principles with Wrightian influences, towards establishing a California Modernism inextricably connected to landscape and climate.

EDUCATION, COMMUNITY AND THE ARTS

Master of Architecture Columbia University 1992
A. Baccalaureus, Cum Laude University of California 1987
American Association of University Women Selected Professions Fellowship 1992
William Kinne Traveling Fellowship Columbia University 1991

TRUSTEE

Noe Valley Chamber Music, San Francisco, CA. Presenter and producer of nationally acclaimed performances, and local community education. <https://www.noemusic.org/>

Del Sol Performing Arts Organization, San Francisco, CA
Governing organization for the internationally ranked professional string quartet and the commission of new compositions. <https://www.delsolquartet.com/>

The Community Fund of the Fruit Guys supports small independent American farms as catalysts for environmental and economic self-sufficiency, sustainability, and food access. <https://www.fruitguyscommunityfund.org>.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

US COURTS, NINTH CIRCUIT OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE	San Francisco, CA 2024-Present
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In her current role in the Ninth Circuit of the US Courts, Gayle serves in the cabinet of the Circuit Executive to represent judges and the courts in matters of facility and security designs in the portfolio of federal and leased facilities. The portfolio includes a cache of courthouses listed on the National Register, with current work at select historic locations:

James Browning US Courthouse, San Francisco CA (1905)
Pioneer Courthouse, Portland OR (1875)
Chambers US Court of Appeals, Pasadena CA (1931)
Tacoma Union Station US Courthouse, Tacoma WA (1910)
Nakamura Courthouse, Seattle WA (1940)
Mansfield Courthouse, Butte MT (1904)

SKIDMORE OWINGS & MERRILL	San Francisco, CA 1992-1996 and 2011-2024
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UC Berkeley Grimes Engineering Center, Berkeley, CA
85,000sf renovation and addition of the 1980's Brutalist building by Matsumoto for the College of Engineering's student and innovation center. Structural innovations preserve embodied carbon and architecturally express the focal point of the engineering college in the heart of the university's historic Classical Core and Central Glade. Currently in construction, completion Spring, 2025.

San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
Master plan for seismic retrofit, accessibility and the campus expansion design for the historic campus of the private art college on a registered historic site.

American Conservatory Theater, The Strand, San Francisco
25+ Award winning project for an adaptive renovation of the 1917 vaudeville cinema theater for 300-seat proscenium theater, educational and community facility in San Francisco's Mid-Market district. LEED Silver. Opened 2015
Head-Royce School Expansion and Restoration, Oakland, CA
Historic restoration of three c.1935 Reed & Corlett structures for seismic upgrades and academic functions. Part of the expansion of a 12-acre campus for the 900-student independent K-12 program. To open Spring, 2025.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, San Francisco, California
Seismic base isolation and historic renovation of courtrooms and chambers for the 1992 post Loma Prieta repairs to the 1905 landmark courthouse. The conversion of the original post office included the conversion of an interior courtyard mail into a glass roof-enclosed law library. Completed 1996.

TANNER LEDDY MAYTUM STACY	San Francisco, CA 1997-2001
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POLSHEK AND PARTNERS	San Francisco, CA 1996-1997
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