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Growing up in northeast Ohio, Leigh knew that she wanted to positively influence her community at large. “I gravitated toward architecture because I saw in this profession the ability to improve the resilience of our environment and societies in ways that create beautiful places and spaces.” Leigh graduated from the University of Michigan and the University of California, Berkeley. In 2004, she joined our Los Angeles studio, where she leads public- and private-sector projects. By working at the interface of architecture and urban design, she helps ensure that her projects benefit users, communities, and ecosystems. Leigh believes an architect’s influence doesn’t stop at the property line; for us to lay a better foundation for the future, we must learn from our projects, expose opportunities for innovation, and share the knowledge we gain.

Leigh’s curiosity and passion has led her to become a thought leader among her peers and a trusted partner in her local community. She sits on our Research Board, and co-created and leads the firm’s Innovation Incubator program, which has supported more than 200 staff-generated research ideas through internal micro-grants. Leigh works with her clients and colleagues to reach beyond what seems achievable.