

Kenneth R. Ogden
Executive Vice President, **LECESSE Construction**
Head Juror



Ken Ogden has been with LECESSE Construction since 1989 and currently serves as Executive Vice President managing all marketing and business development, for the organization. As a key leader of the organization, Ken's strategic direction has helped guide the firm through a challenging period marked by steady growth. Ken has the unique experience of having managed dozens of HUD Section 202 Affordable Housing for Seniors projects, constructed thousands of not for profit senior living units for all levels of care, and applied his expertise in sustainable housing solutions to LEED certify many of these projects. Under Ken's leadership LECESSE Construction built the first known Platinum rated senior housing project in the nation under the LEED for Homes multifamily program. In 2014, LECESSE Construction received the Energy Star Certified Homes Market Leader Award and was named NYSEDA Top Producing Partners Builder for Low-Rise Residential New Construction for 2012-2013.

Ken's current and past community involvement embraces a variety of organizations including The Urban League of Rochester Contractor Training Program, the Rochester Minority Business Exchange, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, and The Granger Homestead. Ken received the 2008 Outstanding Business Person of the Year Award by The Urban League of Rochester, is a current member of LeadingAge, (formerly the American Association of Homes & Services for the Aging), and New York LeadingAge. Ken received a BS in Biomechanics from Penn State University, in 1985 and a BS in Civil Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1990.

M. Scott Ball
Principal, Commons Civic Planning and Development



Scott has over 25 years of experience in architecture, planning, and housing development in private, non-profit, and public sectors. Scott has been actively engaged in the promotion of the independent living and health of aging citizens, and has authored "Livable Communities For Aging Populations: Urban Design for Longevity", the "Aging In Place Tool Kit" and "Lifelong Communities: A Regional Guide to Growth and Longevity" for the Atlanta Regional Commission, as well as co-authored the "Land-use and Public Health Toolkit" for the National Association of Local Boards of Health. Prior to his work with Commons,

Scott served as Senior Project Manager with Duany Plater-Zyberk Architects and Town Planners (DPZ) where he managed planning and zoning code projects throughout the nation. Before his work with DPZ, Scott served as The Louisiana Road Home Program's Director of Rebuilding and Construction Assistance for ICF International where he helped stand up Louisiana's \$11 billion hurricane recovery program. Before that Mr. Ball served for six years as the Executive Director of Atlanta's Community Housing Resource Center where oversaw the design and construction of over \$10,000,000 in development focused primarily on the needs of older, long-term residents in the rapidly gentrifying city.

Valerie Fletcher
Executive Director, Institute for Human Centered Design



Valerie Fletcher has been Executive Director since 1998 of the Institute for Human Centered Design (IHCD), an international educational and design non-profit organization based in Boston, Massachusetts founded in 1978. Fletcher writes, lectures and works internationally. She generates opportunities for IHCD and has broad oversight of all educational programs as well as consulting and design services. Her research focus is integrating data from contextual inquiry research findings into design solutions in higher education, culture, workplace, healthcare, multifamily housing and the public realm.

Ms. Fletcher is Councilor for the International Association for Universal Design (IAUD) in Japan and has created an international inclusive design benchmarking project for the government of Singapore. She leads the initiative to create a new digital resource on accessibility and universal design for the US National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities and Institute for Museum and Library Services. Ms. Fletcher has a master's degree in ethics and public policy from Harvard University. In addition to numerous honors, she received The Boston Society of Architects' Women in Design award in 2005. She co-chairs the Design Industry Group of Massachusetts and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Architectural College.

Clayton Mitchell, Esq., PhD
Lecturer, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment



Dr. Clay Mitchell currently serves as a lecturer at the University of New Hampshire's Department of Natural Resources and the Environment. Prior to joining the faculty at UNH, Dr. Mitchell has worked with local governments in New England for the last 20 years. With a focus on environmental law and energy project development, Dr. Mitchell has participated at the local and state level, developing projects and policies that have contributed to economic sustainability by increasing energy resources for clients in the public and private sectors. His work includes the development of innovative zoning approaches to energy efficient design, community re-development of brownfields, and a wide range of innovative zoning techniques to protect open space and natural resources. He is a founding partner of Revolution Energy LLC,

where he developed several energy and efficiency projects for schools, towns and private clients in NH and Massachusetts.

In addition to many other volunteer activities, Clay is past President of the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association, past Chair of the Northeast Combined Heat and Power Initiative Board of Directors, is a member of the New Hampshire Carbon Coalition Local Energy Committee Advisory Group, and served on Gov. Maggie Hassan's Energy and Environment Transition team. He holds a Doctorate in Natural Resources and Environmental Science from the University of New Hampshire and is a graduate of Vermont Law School with a JD and a Masters in Environmental Law.

John F. Torti, FAIA, CNU
President, Torti Gallas + Partners



As President of Torti Gallas + Partners, Mr. Torti has provided the strong conceptual leadership to bring his firm to international recognition. Torti Gallas' focus on the "architecture of real estate" has provided an important catalyst for transformation in cities and suburbs around the world. Prior to joining Torti Gallas, Mr. Torti worked with the National Capital Planning Commission, helping to rebuild Washington, DC after the 1968 riots. He was also a Principal in a Midwest architectural firm and the Director of a non-profit housing and community development corporation.

In recognition of his many contributions to the profession, Mr. Torti was elected to the American Institute of Architects' College of Fellows in 2001. In 2015, he became a member of the National Board of the Congress for the New Urbanism. He is also a member of the Advisory Council for the School of Architecture at the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Torti received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame. He is a Registered Architect.