

Known as “Bobby” while at Murphy, George was very involved in school life and activities. He was on the MOHIAN staff, serving as ad editor and was also inducted into Quill and Scroll. He also participated in numerous clubs: Ushers Club, Key Club, the Booster Club, and M-Day Club.

After graduating, Bobby attended Auburn University to study architecture, and his senior thesis, Mobile-1980, earned him an award and an article in the Mobile newspaper. The ideas presented in his thesis were influential in redevelopment plans for downtown Mobile.

As a Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers upon leaving school, Bobby was stationed in Thailand where he oversaw designing and building a road to Laos. After a two-year tour of active duty, he returned to the US and took a position at Goleman and Rolfe Architects in Houston, where his project management skills quickly earned him a partnership in the firm.

In 1978, he formed a real estate and development firm, Development and Project Management Services, serving as secretary and Vice President before leaving to join Lockwood, Andrews, and Newman’s Leo A. Daly Architects, also in Houston. Here, Jumonville worked to change the traditional industrial project culture by establishing architecture the leading discipline in projects as a way to add a focus on aesthetics that was often lacking in those developments. An important consequence of this change was the voluntary agreement between Texas architects and engineers that professionals should practice only in their areas of qualification (engineers wouldn’t design buildings and architects would stay within their fields of expertise as well). The team approach of architect and engineer has resulted in visually attractive, highly functional industrial facilities which please owners, workers, occupants, and visitors.

George’s professional memberships include the American Institute of Architects, the Texas AIA Chapter, Texas Society of Architects, National Council Architectural Registration Board, and he is licensed in 6 states. Upon his retirement in 2011, he received the Leo A. Daly Chairman’s Award for Outstanding Leadership and Achievement.

In his community, George supports the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; and volunteers for the American Heart Association. He has been Chairman on the board of St. Francis Episcopal Day School. Jumonville was recognized by his church with the 2017 Distinguished Service Award, has served as building committee chair, and was a 2020 Capital Campaign member.

We are pleased to induct George “Bobby” Jumonville into our Hall of Fame.