

# George Everding, FCSI

*“For your four decades of educational and service contributions to the mission of the Institute, where you have mentored, instructed and motivated others toward personal growth and professional development in the St. Louis construction industry; and for your leadership of the Institute’s Certification Committee in developing a strategic plan that will preserve the program’s excellence, positioning it to meet the challenges of the future, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 30th day of September, 2015.”*  
St. Louis, Missouri



GEORGE EVERDING was born in Missouri and grew up in New York, Tennessee, California, Florida, Italy, and Virginia. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis. A licensed architect, his career spanned 40 years, including 15 years in private practice, and comprised the entire scope of architectural services from pre-design through post-construction on a broad range of project types and sizes.

George helped community-based groups evaluate urban redevelopment opportunities, select sites, and prepare funding proposals. For a private developer, he master planned large-scale residential and commercial projects. His design portfolio included churches, stores, offices, and residences, with a focus on urban infill and historic restorations. In mid-career, George specialized in construction administration and specifications, which led him to join CSI. Recognizing the value of certification to the construction industry, he began a long tenure of service to the Institute’s certification programs.

In education, George’s influence as a teacher, mentor, and CSI leader motivated others toward personal growth and professional development. A frequent seminar presenter, he helped a generation of construction professionals better

understand CSI principles and practices. He was a faculty member at Washington University in St. Louis and at St. Louis Community College at Meramec, teaching classes on the fundamentals of specifications and building materials. While a specifier for one of the country’s largest design firms, he developed a program to provide CDT training that reinforced a corporate culture demanding quality construction documentation on every project.

George has been a powerful advocate of CSI’s certification program, driven to safeguard and improve its traditional excellence. His work on task teams evaluating CSI’s four credentials launched an innovative committee restructuring that improves efficiency and fosters visionary thought. During his tenure as chair of the Certification Committee Strategic Group, he has been instrumental in developing the Institute’s certification strategic plan to assure that the program maintains relevancy and standards compliance in an evolving industry.

George Everding and his wife, Maureen O’Day, retired in 2014. They live in St. Louis, and remain active in the Greater St. Louis Chapter of CSI.

## **CSI Membership**

Greater Saint Louis Chapter, 2000

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Certification Committee, FY2009-FY2011  
Certification Item Writing Task Team, FY2012-FY2013  
CDT BoKA Task Team, FY2012  
CDT Modernization Task Team, FY2012  
Certification Strategic Group Chair, FY2014-FY2016

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Technical Committee Chair, FY2013-FY2014

## **Awards**

### **Institute**

Hans William Meier Award for Advancement of Certification Programs, 2014

### **North Central Region**

Student Liaison Award, 2009-2011

### **Greater Saint Louis Chapter**

Presidential Appreciation Award, 2009  
Distinguished Service Award, 2010  
Continuous Service Award, 2013  
Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 2006-2008

### **Other**

Metropolitan Fire Marshal’s and Fire Chief’s Association  
Public Safety Educator of the Year, 2006-2007