

**EY ANNOUNCES PAUL E. WESTLAKE, JR., FAIA, WESTLAKE REED LESKOSKY
EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ 2014 AWARD WINNER IN NORTHEAST OHIO REGION**
Award recognizes entrepreneurial excellence in Real Estate, Design, and Building Products category

Cleveland, OH, June 26 – EY today announced that **Paul E. Westlake, Jr., FAIA**, managing principal and a lead designer of **Westlake Reed Leskosky**, architects, engineers and technology designers, received the **EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2014 Award in the Real Estate, Design, and Building Products category in Northeast Ohio**. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance, and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Paul Westlake was selected by an independent panel of judges, and the award was presented at a special gala event at the Cleveland Convention Center on June 26, 2014.

Paul E. Westlake Jr., FAIA, is a Principal and a Lead Designer in the firm of **Westlake Reed Leskosky** with offices in Washington DC, Cleveland, New York, Phoenix, and Los Angeles, CA. The firm, founded in 1905 by Abram Garfield – son of the 20th President of the United States – is an international practice that has been honored with nearly 400 significant design awards including a state level AIA Gold Medal Firm Award, several design awards from the General Services Administration, and a Federal Design Achievement Award. In 2013, the firm was ranked by the American Institute of Architect's *Architect* magazine **#3 overall based on design, business, and sustainability** among architectural firms nationally, and ranked **#1 in sustainable design** in 2012.

Mr. Westlake is one of the youngest architects to be elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects and is a recipient of a state level AIA Gold Medal, the highest honor that AIA Ohio can bestow on an individual. Mr. Westlake is also a recipient of over 150 significant design awards for new construction and renovation, including several National Trust for Historic Preservation Honor Awards and national GSA Design Excellence Awards for the Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building and the Aspinall Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, which also received the national AIA COTE Top Ten Sustainable Projects award. His work has been recognized in over 1,000 publications. His designs encompass a range of widely exhibited and published projects – from major performing arts facilities, museums, and health care complexes to workplace environments and educational institutions.

Mr. Westlake received a Masters of Architecture with Faculty Commendation from Harvard University Graduate School of Design, and was a Graham Foundation and AIA Foundation Scholar. He also received a Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude with Distinction in Architecture* from the University of

Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences, and a Bachelor of Science in Economics, *Magna Cum Laude* from the Wharton School, with a major in finance. Mr. Westlake is a trustee of the Cleveland Orchestra and the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, and served formerly as trustee of the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Cleveland Arts Prize.

Now in its 28th year, the **EY Entrepreneur Of The Year** program has honored the inspirational leadership of such entrepreneurs as Howard Schultz of Starbucks Coffee Company, Pierre Omidyar of eBay, Inc., and Mindy Grossman of HSN. Recent US national winners include Reid Hoffman and Jeff Weiner of LinkedIn; Hamdi Ulukaya, founder of Chobani; and 2013 winner Hamid Moghadam, CEO and Chairman of Prologis. As a Northeast Ohio award winner, Paul Westlake is now eligible for consideration for the Entrepreneur Of The Year 2014 national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 15, 2014. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

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