

WHO's WHO in Architecture & Office Design

Gail R. Polivy

Professional Spaces

Gail R. Polivy is president and planning director of Professional Spaces in Oakdale.

Polivy has more than 17 years of experience in the contract office furniture industry. She began her career in 1980 as a freelance mechanical artist and mechanical drafter. Polivy's office furniture portfolio includes multi-million dollar corporations, small businesses, leading not-for-profit organizations and individual clients throughout the tri-state area.

Companies are taking practical steps to "green" the places in which they work, Polivy said. "They are looking to improve indoor environmental quality and select environmentally sensitive materials," she said.

Companies are also purchasing goods and services that are less environmentally-damaging as well as reducing the amount of waste their companies produce and the amount of energy they consume — thereby reducing air pollution, she noted.

Sustainable development is also a concern, Polivy said.

"Forward-thinking companies seek to balance the fulfillment of human needs with the protection of the natural environment so these needs can be met not only in the present, but in the indefinite future," she said. "Companies with a sustainable development focus are seeking to create healthy and comfortable environments

that promote resource conservation and consider the entire life-cycle of the building and its components."

Polivy is affiliated with Indoff Inc, a national contract furniture dealer representing hundreds of major manufacturers including OFS, Maxon and Groupe Lacasse.



Polivy earned a bachelor's degree in community and human services from Empire State College, State University of New York. ExecuLeaders honored her with its 2007 ExecuLeadership Award for Networking.

Polivy is an executive board member and vice president of the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women and a member of ABA/American Business Associates.

Professional Spaces offers consultation, assessment, field measuring, space planning, drawings (scale, 3-D and color renderings), budget planning, furniture selection, project management, and installation management. Plans are created in both two and three dimensions to allow for visualization of a client's office. Professional Spaces has a strategic alliance with Patrice Auerbach, ASID, president of Patrice Auerbach Interiors Ltd., an interior design company in Jericho.

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