



Roula Alakiotou, FAIA leads **ROULA ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, Chtd**, an architectural practice based in Chicago. Studied Architecture at the **Athens Technological Institute**; Received **Bachelor of Architecture** with Honors from the **U of I Chicago** (1975). Received **Master of Architecture** with Honors from **U of I Urbana/Champaign** (1978). In 1997 her peers **elevated her to a Fellow** of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA).

She **worked with Constantine Doxiadis Office “Ekistics” in Athens**, where she contributed to large-scale projects, including airports in the **Middle East**, and master planning of **decentralizing Athens**.

In Chicago, worked with the **Chicago Department of Public Works, City Architect’s Office**, where she contributed to several award-winning urban and historic projects, including the renovation & readaptation of Chicago’s **Navy Pier**; the restoration and the physical raising and relocation of Widow Clark’s House; several community service based projects. She authored the **Chicago Beautification Manual**, designing guidelines for business strips facades, signage, street parking, and other amenities for neighborhood improvement.

In 1980 founded her firm, a veteran in women-owned architectural firms, with an impressive record of clients and practice with a **particular emphasis on large-scale public sector projects**. She **has taught** at UIC as an adjunct associate professor, and serves in many student work juries, as well as AIA Gold Medal/Firm Award juries. She mentors international architectural interns from the **School of the Art Institute Chicago**.

Her work includes significant projects: **The Remote Station**, of the people mover system at **O’Hare International Airport**; several **Chicago public Schools**; Significant segment of **Cook County Department of Corrections Facilities**, - branding her as a woman nationwide of correctional design, such as 1600 capacity **Div XI Maximum Security Facility**, which Chicago Tribune architectural critic Blair Kamin wrote *“she brought considerable vision to the job.. who melded a tough-minded concern for security with an innovative, humanistic vision...and certain civic presence”*; **the Residential Treatment Unit 1000 capacity and New Intake Facility**, which the Correctional News named the *“Building for the Future”* and the Facility of the Month; **Courthouses renovations**; **The 35th & Archer Station** on the Southwest Transit to the **Midway Airport**; a **State street subway** station; 80 acre **Monastery Complex in Kenosha Wisconsin**, among others.

Served **under three mayors** as the only architect on **Chicago’s Zoning Board of Appeals**. Serves on **Chicago’s Building Department Committee on Standards and Tests** reviewing/judging building permits that violate code. She was a co-founder of the **Architects for Social Responsibility**; the Founder leading the community to acquire and develop **Berger Park Community Center on North Sheridan Road**, on which the Edgewater Society and Museum named her **“Living Treasure of Edgewater”**.

She is a member of The Chicago Network (TCN), The Chicago Architectural Club (CAC), Chicago Women Architects (CWA), the Executives Club of Chicago (ECC), and served on the Board of Directors of the International Women’s Forum (IWF).

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