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**WEESE LANGLEY WEESE RECEIVING STATEWIDE DESIGN AWARD FOR
HISTORIC RESTORATION**

CHICAGO, IL – The architectural firm [Weese Langley Weese](#) of Chicago transformed the two-story Cadillac dealership built in 1928 along the Village of Oak Park’s “Motor Row” into a four-story, LEED-certified, affordable residential apartment complex. Along the way, they carefully preserved and restored the original design by Detroit architect Albert Kahn, and adhered to historic facade elements in their additions to the building. The firm will receive yet another award for their work on The Grove Apartments later this month when they are presented with the [American Institute of Architects \(AIA\) Illinois](#) Crombie Taylor Award for Preservation.

The statewide award for design will be presented at noon on Wednesday, October 21 at The Grove Apartments. Helping present the award to Weese Langley Weese will be representatives from AIA Illinois, the Village of Oak Park, the Village of Oak Park Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission. The public and media are invited.

The nationally esteemed Honor Awards jury called the project an “extraordinary restoration and renovation that creates a dignified and well-designed housing development. It is preservation in support of a community. Developed with care and an intuitive sense of preservation, this project is lovingly executed in a location that can appreciate it.”

The Crombie Taylor Award is one of five design awards presented by AIA Illinois as part of its annual Honor Awards program, which recognize people and projects epitomizing the contributions of the architecture profession, the transformative power of design, and the dedication of individuals to service and excellence.

Crombie Taylor was an architect and professor who designed the social center for the Hull House Association in Chicago and restored many historic buildings himself, and furthered the promotion of historic preservation through movies, articles and even a posthumously-published book, titled *Crombie Taylor: Modern Architecture, Building Restoration and the Re-Discovery of Louis Sullivan*.

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