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Gary Schiff, Security Consultant, Joins Shen Milsom & Wilke

Gary Schiff, a veteran in the building security field, is now a principal at Shen Milsom & Wilke.

Mr. Schiff is the founder and former president of Kroll Schiff & Associates, a security engineering and consulting firm based in Bastrop, Texas. He has experience on many different types of projects, including international airports, office high-rises, government buildings, educational facilities, corporate headquarters, and healthcare facilities.

Mr. Schiff's common-sense approach to security balances threat assessment, convenience, emergency planning, and budget realities. He advocates incorporating security features into a building early in the architectural process. "Within the past 20 years, and particularly since the World Trade Center bombings and 9/11, security has become an integral part of building design," Mr. Schiff said.

He will be assisting Shen Milsom & Wilke in business development, establishing short and long-term business strategies, and working on high-profile projects.

"I have collaborated with Mr. Schiff for more than 20 years," said Fred Shen, Chairman and CEO of Shen Milsom & Wilke. "His talents as a security consulting engineer greatly expand Shen Milsom & Wilke's busy security consulting practice."

Security is essential to a building's success and to the comfort and safety of its occupants. Shen Milsom & Wilke began offering building security planning, design and management in 2003. "As data, voice, and multimedia converged, security systems became a natural extension of our services," Shen added.

The company's security services include assessments, which examine the need for various types of life safety; asset and facility protection; design of systems for building access, detection, and protection control; construction

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administration and commissioning to ensure that design intent is not altered during the building phase; and audits to evaluate the status of existing systems, performance levels, expansion capability, and technological positioning.

Mr. Schiff has taught thousands of architects and other professionals how to design buildings for better security via seminars he has conducted. He is a member of the American Society for Industrial Security and a Certified Protection Professional, as well as a Professional Engineer. He holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

Shen Milsom & Wilke [www.smwinc.com], an international technology consulting practice founded in 1986, offers comprehensive services in the areas of multimedia, voice/data, building security, and acoustics. The firm has a staff of more than 150 professionals and eleven offices worldwide.