

# LOUIS K. MEISEL GALLERY

## ROBERT GNIEWEK

### Biography

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#### BORN

1951 Detroit, MI

#### EDUCATION

1979 Wayne State University, Detroit, MI; M.A.

1973 Wayne State University, Detroit, MI; B.F.A.

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017 *Preview to Havana*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, Nov. 16 – Dec. 2, 2017

2014 *Mug Shot: Portraits of Evil*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Dec. 5, 2014 – Jan. 31, 2015

2010 *Recent Paintings*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Nov. 20, 2010 – Jan. 8, 2011

2004 *Recent Works*, Lemberg Gallery, Ferndale, MI, Oct. 30 – Dec. 11

2003 *New Paintings*, Louis K. Gallery, New York, NY, Dec. 6, 2003 – Jan. 10, 2004

2001 *Mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century Roadside Culture*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Apr. 7-28

2000 *American Roadside Culture*, Van de Griff Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, Sept. 29 – Oct. 19

1999 Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY

*Detroit Theaters Past & Present: Recent Paintings*, David Klein Gallery, Birmingham, MI, Nov. 6-27

1997 Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Nov. 1-29

1996 David Klein Gallery, Birmingham, MI.

1994 Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Oct. 8-29

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- 1993 O.K. Harris/David Klein Gallery, Birmingham, MI, Dec. 2, 1993 – Jan. 29, 1994  
Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, FL
- 1992 Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Dec. 5-23, 1992 & Jan. 5-16, 1993
- 1990 *Nocturnal Urban Landscapes*, Helander Gallery, New York, NY, Apr. 13 – May. 10
- 1989 *Nocturnal Landscapes*, Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, FL, Dec. 8, 1989 – Jan. 5, 1990
- 1987 *Nocturnal Images*, Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, FL, Mar. 12 – Apr. 7
- 1986 Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI, Nov. 7 – Dec. 6
- 1984 *Photo Realist Cityscapes*, O.K. Harris West, Scottsdale, AZ, Feb. 24 – Mar. 24
- 1982 Semaphore Gallery, New York, NY, Oct. 5-30
- 1981 *Photo Realist Cityscapes*, O.K. Harris West, Scottsdale, AZ, May. 4-30
- 1979 *Urbanscapes – Detroit*, Lee Hoffman Gallery, Birmingham, MI, May 16 – June 16

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *High Fidelity: Anthony Brunelli & the Digital Age Photorealists*, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY, Feb. 14 – May 8  
*American Landscapes*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Jan. 8 – Feb. 15
- 2018 *Reflections, Ripples & Shadows*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Nov. 15 – Dec. 22
- 2018 *Pavement to Pavement*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Jan 4 – Feb 24, 2018  
*Photorealism*, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, CA, Mar. 2 – April 7
- 2017-18 *From Lens to Eye to Hand: Photorealism 1969 to Today*, traveling exhibition: Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY August 6, 2017 – Jan. 21, 2018; Flint Institute of the Arts, Flint, MI, April 21 – Sept. 12, 2018  
*American Dream*, Kunsthalle Emden, Emden, Germany & Drents Museum, Assen, Netherlands, Oct. 19, 2017 – May 10, 2018

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- 2017 *Photorealism in the Desert*, Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, CA, March 10-April 8
- 2016 *Photorealist Urban Landscapes*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Nov. 3 – Dec. 17
- Feast for the Eyes*, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor NY, July 30 – Nov. 6
- 2013 *Photorealism Revisited*, traveling exhibition: Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Oklahoma City, OK, January 24 – April 21; Butler Institute of Art, Youngstown, OH, June 1 – September 30
- Photorealism – Street View*, Scott Richards Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA, Mar. 5 – Mar. 30
- Car Culture: Art and the Automobile*, Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, NY, Apr. 27 – Aug. 11
- Summer Sights*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Jun. 6 – Jul. 20
- 2012-17 *Photorealism: 50 Years of Hyperrealistic Painting*, traveling exhibition: Kunsthalle Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany – Dec. 8, 2012 – Mar. 10, 2013; Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid, Spain – Mar. 21 – Jun. 9, 2013; Saarland Museum, Saarbrücken, Germany – Jun. 30 – Oct. 13, 2013; Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham, UK – Nov. 30, 2013 – Mar. 30, 2014; Museo de Bellas Artes de Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain, Oct. 7, 2014 – Jan. 19, 2015; Kumu Art Museum of Estonia Tallinn, Estonia – Mar. 17 – Jun. 12, 2016; Musée d'Ixelles Brüssel, Belgium, Jun. 29 – Sep. 25, 2016; Osthaus Museum Hagen, Germany – Oct. 15, 2016 – Jan. 8, 2017; Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands Feb. 25 – Jun. 4, 2017; Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL, July 13 – Oct. 22, 2017
- Au-delà Du Réel = Beyond Realism*, Galerie De Bellefeuille, Montreal, Canada, Sept. 8 – Oct. 2
- 2011 *Our Own Directions: The Louis K. & Susan P. Meisel Collection*, Eileen S. Kaminsky Family Foundation at MANA Art Center, Jersey City, NJ, September 18, 2011 – January 2012
- Signs*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY – Feb. 10 – Mar. 10
- The New York Project: Paintings of the City by Artists from Around the World*, Bernarducci Merisel Gallery, New York, NY, Sept. 15 – Oct. 29
- 2010 *Expansion*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY Sept. 30 – Nov. 13
- Hyperréalisme*, Galerie Rive Gauche – Marcel Strouk, Paris, France, Oct. 26 – Nov. 13

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- 2009 *40 Years: Anniversary of the Louis K. Meisel Gallery*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery & Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, November 1 – December 20
- American Dream*, National Museum in Kraków, Kraków, Poland, July 2-Oct. 4
- Photorealism: A Closer Look*, Scott Richards Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA, Mar. 31 – May. 30
- New Photo-Realism Painting in the Digital Age*, Arthur M. Berger Gallery, Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY, Nov. 11 – Dec. 11
- The City: Day & Night*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Apr. 4 – Jul. 17
- 2008 *Shock of the Real – Photorealism Revisited*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL, Dec. 16, 2008 – Mar. 11, 2009
- Peter Maier and Recent Acquisitions*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Sept. 3 – Oct. 25
- 2007 *Realism Today*, Plus One Gallery, London, England, Apr. 25 – Jun. 2
- 2006 *Big Urban Landscapes*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Apr. 29 – Jul. 21
- Photorealism: Cultural Icons*, Jonathan Novak Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA, Dec. 5, 2006 – Jan. 13, 2007
- 2005 *Photorealism, Then and Now*, Elaine Baker Gallery, Boca Raton – Dec. 8 – Jan. 9, 2006
- 2004 *Some Photorealism*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, May 8 - 27
- The New Photorealists*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Jan. 17 – Feb. 7
- New American Realism and Photorealism*, Anthony Brunelli Fine Arts, Binghamton, NY, Nov. 5-27
- 2003 *Kaleidoscopes*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA, Mar. 28 – May 19
- Iperrealisti*, Chiostro del Bramante, Rome, Italy, April 5 – June 29
- 2002 *Photorealism at the Millennium: Vintage Photorealists*, Bernarducci.Meisel.Gallery, New York, NY, October 3-26
- REAL(ist) Men*, Selby Gallery, Ringling School of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL, Jan. 11 – Feb. 16

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*Urban Landscapes*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, March 2-23

*Culture Shock*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA –  
Nov. 20, 2002 – Feb. 3, 2003

2001 *This is America: American Photorealists*, Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus,  
Denmark, September 1 - November 25

*Near and Far*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY

2000 *The Photorealists*, Center for the Arts, Vero Beach, FL, July 22 -  
September 10

*Real Illusions*, Van de Griff Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

1999 *Outward Bound: American Art at the Brink of the Twenty-First Century*,  
Meridian International Center, Washington, DC; travelling to: Museum of  
Fine Arts, Hanoi, Vietnam; Museum of Fine Arts, Ho Chi Minh City,  
Vietnam; Painting Institute, Shanghai, China; Working People's Cultural  
Palace, Beijing, China; Singapore Museum of Art, Singapore; CIPTA  
Gallery, Jakarta Arts Center, Jakarta, Indonesia

*Realism Knows No Bounds*, Van De Griff Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, Jul. 2-  
30

*See the U.S.A.*, National Building Museum, Washington, DC, Nov. 18,  
1999 – May. 7, 2000

*Photorealism – The Next Generation*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York,  
NY, Nov. 6-27

Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, June.

Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Apr. 3-24

1998 *Realism 98*, Amarillo Museum of Fine Arts, Amarillo, TX

Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Oct. 10-31

*Photorealism*, Jaffe Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL – Feb. 12 – Mar. 7

1997 *The New Photorealists*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Dec. 6-  
20, 1997 & Jan. 3-24, 1998

*Realism Knows No Bounds*, Van de Griff Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

*Hot Time*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Jun. 7 – Jul. 16

*Ambient Luminosity*, Detroit Artists Market, Detroit, MI

1996 *Twentieth Anniversary Exhibition*, Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI

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*Realism-Photorealism*, Margulies/Taplin Gallery, Coral Gables, FL

*Realism '96*, Van de Griff Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, Oct. 18 – Nov. 15

1994 *Realism in Our Time*, Broden Gallery Ltd., Madison, WI – Apr. 22 – May. 20

1993 *Photorealism Since 1980*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY – Apr. 23 – Jun. 24

*Arts Midwest Fellowship Recipients*, MCA Gallery, Detroit, MI

1992 *Fun & Games*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY – Sept. 12 – Oct. 3

*Photorealism for Nashville Collections*, Fine Arts Center, Cheekwood, Nashville, TN – Jun. 13-21

*New York: City by Day / City by Night III*, Gallery Henoeh, New York, NY – Feb. 11 – Mar. 7

1991 *Gallery Group*, Louis K. Meisel Gallery, New York, NY, Summer

*Get Real*, North Miami Center of Contemporary Art, FL, Nov. 21 – Dec. 28

1990 *New York at Night*, Helander Gallery, New York, NY, Jan. 6-30

1989 *Gallery Group Show*, Helander Gallery, New York, NY, March

*Gallery Group Show*, Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI, Summer

1988 *Four Painters*, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, MI, March

1987 *Gallery Group Show*, Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, FL

*Mainstream America – The Collection of Phil Desind*, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH, Mar. 1 – Apr. 5

1986 *Views Across America*, organized by the Museum of Modern Art, Loaned to Pfizer Inc., New York, NY, Spring – Summer

*Gallery Group Show*, Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, FL

*Nocturnal Landscapes*, O.K. Harris Works of Art, New York, NY, April

*Michigan Council for the Arts Grant Recipients*, Pontiac Art Center, Pontiac, MI, May – June

1985 *National Midyear Exhibition*, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH, Jun. 30 – Aug. 25

*Group Show*, Zimmerman-Saturn Gallery, Nashville TN

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*Selected American Realists*, Capricorn Gallery, Bethesda, MD, Nov. 16 – Dec. 4

*Gallery Group Show*, Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI

1984 *New Realism*, Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI, Dec. 15, 1984 – Jan. 19, 1985

*Gallery Group Show*, Capricorn Gallery, Bethesda, MD, Summer

1983 *Gallery Group Show*, O.K. Harris West, Scottsdale, AZ, Summer

1982 *Four Poetic Viewpoints*, Detroit Focus Gallery, MI, Jul. 2-31

1981 *Gallery Group Show*, O.K. Harris West, Scottsdale, AZ, Summer

1979 *Urban Landscape*, Detroit Artists Market, MI, Feb. 23 – Mar. 26

1978 *Return of Realism, Part 2 – Detroit Realists*, Meadowbrook Gallery, Rochester, MI, Nov. 19 – Dec. 20

### SELECTED BOOKS

2013 Meisel, Louis K. Photorealism in the Digital Age. New York: Harry N Abrams. Pp. 135–146. Print

2003 Gerdts, William H. American Art at the Flint Institute of Arts, New York: Hudson Hills. pg. 262-263. Print.

2002 Meisel, Louis K. Photorealism at the Millennium, Harry N. Abrams Inc., New York. pg. 125-130

1997 McDougal, Little. The Language of Literature, pg. 372

Franks, Martin (Producer). Audio Tape Cassette, American Short Stories 1950 to the Present Day, England: Penguin Books Ltd., cover illustration, *Times Square, New York City, NO. 2*

Oates, Joyce Carol. Das Rendezvous Stories, (German Text) Munich: Taschen Verlag, Cover illustration, *Delft Theater*

Bukowski, Charles. Ein Profi, (German Text) Munich: Taschen Verlag, cover illustration: *Chinatown No. 7*

1996 Appleby, Arthur N. and Judith A. Langer. The Language of Literature.

1993 Meisel, Louis K. Photorealism Since 1980, Harry N. Abrams, Inc., New York

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Photorealist Urban Landscapes, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY.
- 2015 DeVito, Lee. *Robert Gniewek Gets Intimate with the World's Most Infamous Criminals*, Detroit Metro Times, Jan. 14, Web
- 2013 Brandenburg, John. *Art Inspired by Photography Focus of New Museum Exhibit*, NewsOK.com N.P. Jan. 30. Web.  
*Car Culture: Art and the Automobile*, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Aug. 11-27, pg. 9, illustration
- 2012 Meisel, Louis. *Au-delà Du Réel = Beyond Realism*. Montréal: Galerie de Bellefeuille. Print
- 2010 *Photorealism XX*, American Art Collector, Oct., pg. 214-17. Print
- 2009 Czubinska, Magdalena, ed. *American Photorealism: from the Louis K. and Susan P. Meisel Family Collection*, Kraków: National Museum of Kraków, Poland.
- 2008 Aydlette, Larry. *The Boca Museum's Big Winter Show: A Photorealism Retrospective*, The Palm Beach Post, Dec. 12. Final Ed. pg. 43  
Kervandjian, Melina V., ed. *Shock of the Real – Photorealism Revisited*, Boca Raton: Boca Raton Museum of Art
- 2004 Windsor, Shawn. *Detroit is an Artist's Muse*, Detroit, MI. Dec. 6, p. B-1, illustration  
Cohen, Keri Guten. *Painter Projects & Multilayered Detroit*, The Detroit Free Press, MI. Nov. 21, pg. 4G  
Rinuy, Paul-Louis. *Corps et Sculpture; Traces, Moulages et Empreintes du Corps dans la Sculpture de la Second Moitié du XX Siecle*, CNDP, Paris, France. October, pg. 17
- 2003 *Iperrealisti*, Viviani Arte, Chiostrò del Bramante, Rome, Italy. pg. 20, 118-121 illustration
- 2002 Mannisto, Glen. *Intimate Vistas*, Review. Metro Times, Detroit, MI, Feb. 19, pg. 22-23
- 2001 *This is America, American Photorealism*, Aarhus Stiftstidende, Denmark, pg. 130-139  
Richter, Pia. *Natten Skal Planlaegges*, Aarhus Stiftstidende, Denmark, Oct. 12, illustration



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Chromin, Linda. *Getting Real*, The Observer & Eccentric, Birmingham, MI, May. 20, pg. C1-2, illustration

Melgaard, Max. *Jamen det er jo Amerika*, Nordjyske Stiftstidende, Denmark, Oct. 2, illustration

Lange, Steffen. *The American Way*, Midtjyllands Avis, Denmark, Sept. 15, illustration

Nex, Jens. *En Tegner ser pa Malerier af Fotografier*, Aarhus Stiftstidende, Denmark, Sept. 6, illustration

Andersen, Trine Rytter. *Short Show*, Aarhus Stiftstidende, Denmark, Sept. 6, illustration

Hall, Sheri. *Dearborn Gallery Debuts*, The Detroit News, Detroit, MI, Sept. 11, pg. 3-D

*Amerikanske Ikoner*, Samvirke, Albertslund, Denmark, Aug. 28, illustration

2000 Nott, Robert. *Show on the Road*, The New Mexican, Santa Fe, NM, Sept. 29, pg. 22, illustration

1999 Hakanson Colby, Joy. *Detroiters Treasure their Screen Gems – Artist Strives to Preserve the Glory of the Area’s Old Theaters*, The Detroit News, Detroit, MI, Nov. 3

Gibson, Eric. *Outward Bound: American Art at the Brink of the Twenty-First Century*, Meridian International Center, Washington, DC, (International Traveling Exhibition) pg. 40, illustration

DiDonna, Liz. Review. Metro Times, Detroit, MI. Nov. 17, pg. 51 illustration

Provenzo, Frank. Review. *Artful Revelance*, Observer & Eccentric, Birmingham, MI. Nov. 3, pg. 1-2E, illustration

Bulanda, George. *Now Showing*, Hour Detroit Magazine, November, pg. 50 illustration

1998 *American Short Stories 1950 to Present*, Penguin Audiobooks LTD., England. Cover.

1997 Hakanson Colby, Joy. Review. *Ambient Luminosity*, The Detroit News, Detroit, MI. April 24, pg. 2D

*New American Painting*, Open Studios Press, Wellesley, MA. August, pg. 36, 37, 118

1994 Lynch, Kevin. *This Art’s for Real, and Easy for the Eye*, The Capital Times, Madison, WI. Apr. 28, pg. 1-E, 3-E, illustration

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- 1993 Hakanson Colby, Joy. Review. *City Lights Inspire Glowing Work from Robert Gniewek*, The Detroit News, Detroit, MI. Dec. 30, pg. 4-F, illustration  
Birmingham Eccentric, Review. Dec. 23
- 1989 Wolff, Millie. Review. *Palm Beach Daily News*, Palm Beach, FL. Apr. 16, pg. A-9
- 1986 Hakanson Colby, Joy. Review. The Detroit News, Detroit, MI. November  
Meilgaard, Manon. *Moving Beyond Photo-Realism*, Observer & Eccentric, Birmingham & Rochester, MI, November, pg. 6-E illustration
- 1985 Miro, Marsha. Review. The Detroit Free Press, MI, Jan. 5, pg. 5-C  
Abatt, Corinne. *A Fresh Glimpse of Reality*, Observer & Eccentric, Birmingham & Rochester, MI, Jan. 3, pg. 1-D  
Cullinan, Helen. Butler Institute Review. Cleveland Plain Dealer, OH, Jul. 24, pg. 8-F
- 1984 Hakanson Colby, Joy. Review. The Detroit News, Detroit, MI, Dec. 23  
Miro, Marsha. *The Art of Detroit*, The Detroit Free Press, Detroit, MI, Feb. 28, pg. 1-2C, pg. 1-C illustration
- 1982 Darton, Eric. Review. East Village Eye, New York, November, pg. 24 illustration  
Miro, Marsha. Review. Phoenix Gazette, Phoenix, AZ, May 16
- 1981 Bush, Donald. Reviews. Art Voices, Jul/Aug, pg. 81, 82 illustration  
Miller, Marlan. Review. Phoenix Gazette, Phoenix, AZ, May 16  
Cortright, Barbara. Review. Scottsdale Daily Progress, Scottsdale, AZ, May 8, pg. 49  
Walton, Kelly. *City Lights*, Scottsdale Daily Progress, (Weekend Magazine), AZ, May 1, pg. 14-15, illustration
- 1979 Hakanson Colby, Joy. Review. The Detroit News, MI, Jun. 10, pg. 6-F illustration  
Hakanson Colby, Joy. Review. The Detroit News, MI, Mar. 11, pg. 6-K illustration  
Miro, Marsha. Review. The Detroit Free Press, Detroit, MI, Jun. 3, pg. 12C

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Chargot, Patricia. *Portfolio – Robert Gniewek*, The Detroit Free Press (Sunday Magazine), Detroit, MI, May 20, pg. 16-19 illustration

1978 Zucker, Helen. Review. Observer & Eccentric, Birmingham & Rochester, MI, Dec. 18

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

1989 Michigan Council for the Arts  
1988 Arts Midwest – NEA Regional Fellowship  
1985 Michigan Council for the Arts

### COMMISSIONS

1998 First USA Bank, Wilmington, DE *Visa Las Vegas* Credit Card  
1979 Ambassador Bridge Co., Windsor, Ontario, Canada, *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Painting*, K Mart Corporation, Troy, MI. S.S. Kresge Co.

### SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark  
Albert Kahn Associates, Detroit, MI  
Ambassador Bridge Company, Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
American Republic Insurance Company, Des Moines, IA  
Arthur Sherman Associates, New York, NY  
Brown, Wood, Ivey, Mitchell and Petty, New York, NY  
Charles Levy Circulating Company, Chicago, IL  
Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI  
K-Mart Corporation, Troy, MI  
Merit Holdings Company, Des Moines, IA  
Michigan Bell, Detroit, MI  
Plagens & Associates, Northville, MI  
Vinson and Ellsins, Houston, TX