

## The Firm

DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) provides campus and facility planning for colleges, universities, and independent schools. **We are a planning firm—that is all we do.** It is what distinguishes us from architectural firms who also provide planning services but whose main focus is building design. We believe, and our clients believe, that this difference makes our planning more objective and more comprehensive. DLM's participatory planning process, environmental mapping techniques, and benchmarking database are part of an array of decision making tools used to help clients improve their facilities and celebrate the unique purpose and sense of placeshaping their campuses.

To date, DLM has served over 400 schools, colleges, and universities worldwide and has applied those experiences and skills developed in years of work to many other types of educational, cultural, and scientific institutions. Continued collaboration across four decades among the principals—Arthur J. Lidsky, George G. Mathey, and the firm's founder, the late Richard P. Dober—is fundamental to DLM's experience and knowledge base.

The firm continues to pioneer techniques for campus design, site planning, space utilization, building easibility, and facility reuse studies for clients from a full spectrum of higher education organizations including private institutions and state funded educational systems.

The DLM client list is diverse, ranging from large universities to small colleges—urban, suburban, and rural; residential and commuter; community college and research university—as well as institutions with unique focuses such as art, business, engineering, law, religion, and the sciences. We have also assisted colleges and universities in such countries; Canada, Cyprus, England, Egypt, Korea, Kuwait, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the People's Republic of China, and Turkey.

The firm offers skill, experience, sensitivity, and an international perspective on campus and facility planning and design. The firm's senior professionals understand the complexities of working with the multiple users of an academic institution, where a participatory process is fundamental to the reasoned definition and conceptualization of facility needs. We also understand that there is often an imbalance between needs and resources; and we seek to find relative solutions for mitigating the imbalance.

Research, writing, teaching, and participation in professional societies advance DLM's collective competency and understanding of what clients require from the collaboration the firm encourages—client and consultant team engaged in purposeful and focused planning.

DLM provides all aspects of campus and facilities planning services, from the broad to the specific, using an approach based on unparalleled experience. We serve by providing clients useful information and reasoned choices for making informed decisions to shape their futures and succeed in their educational and co-curricular missions. ■

*Dober Lidsky Mathey is a campus planning firm that advises and assists colleges, universities, and schools with campus development, facility and programming decisions.*

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