



**Russell Kehl, S.E.**  
Principal and President

**Years of Experience:** 27

**Years with Structural Focus:** 24

#### Education

- M.S. in Civil Engineering – The University of Texas at Austin, 1998
- B.S. in Civil Engineering – New Mexico State University, 1996

#### Licensing & Certifications

- CA – Structural Engineer, 2004 (S4741)
- CA – Civil Engineer, 2000 (C60430)
- Safety Assessment Program Disaster Emergency Worker SAP10726

#### Professional Affiliations

- Los Angeles Conservancy, Board Member 2024
- Structural Engineers Association of Southern California (SEAOSC)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- Structural Engineers Institute (SEI)
- Southern California Development Forum (SCDF)
- ACE Mentor Program
- American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)

Russell joined Structural Focus in 2001. As President, he leads a strong team providing engineering services throughout southern California, including: historic preservation and adaptive re-use; new construction; seismic evaluation, assessment, and retrofit; structural analysis; computer modeling; additions; and renovations and tenant improvements.

Clients include studio and media production facilities, cultural and educational facilities, civic/public spaces, and commercial office structures. Representative projects include The Huntington Library Rose Garden Tea Room, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Amazon Studios at The Culver Studios, The Reserve, and the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre.

### Selected Experience

- **The Culver Studios Expansion:** Five new buildings and production facilities, plus two parking structures, and a new exterior courtyard above the existing subterranean parking structure.
- **Warner Bros. Post-Production Facility:** New office and post-production building.
- **Warner Bros. Ranch Lot Studios:** New design for 16 new soundstages in 4 studio buildings, plus eight office and production buildings, and one mill structure.
- **CNN Los Angeles Broadcast Facility:** Tenant improvement.
- **Fox Building 105:** New building, creative office space, editing and screening facility.
- **HBO Southern California Offices:** Tenant improvement.
- **John Anson Ford Amphitheatre:** Historic restoration and new building with loading dock, outdoor terrace, concessions, and offices.
- **The Huntington Library Rose Garden Tea Room:** Seismic retrofit and alteration of the existing historical tea house, along with several new additions allowing for greater guest capacity.
- **The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture, Riverside:** Adaptive reuse and seismic upgrade of the existing, former 1960's Riverside Main library into a modern and fully accessible arts center offering a range of public services, including galleries, administrative offices, classrooms, cafe, and store.
- **City of Palm Springs Plaza Theatre:** Seismic evaluation of the historic theatre, designated a Class 1 Historic Site—restoration and renovation currently under design.
- **Wilshire Boulevard Temple:** Renovation and seismic retrofit of the 1920s four-story structure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places—the project included installation of HVAC systems; acoustic, audio visual, lighting enhancements; improved accessibility; sanctuary seating; and restored restrooms.
- **LA Union Station:** Historic structures report, historic ceiling evaluations, renovation of historic building, fire repairs.
- **Museum of Riverside, Harada House:** Historic preservation and stabilization of wood-framed structure originally built in late 1800s.

- **Museum of Riverside:** Historic renovation, seismic evaluation and retrofit, and addition to the existing two-story, 1912 structure—a City of Riverside Landmark and is listed on both the California and the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens:** Historic preservation and new construction.
- **Rancho Los Alamitos Barns and Education Center:** Historic preservation of barns and ranch buildings; new construction of education building.
- **Woodbury University School of Business:** Atrium, auditorium, and classrooms.
- **Pasarryo, S. Lake Avenue (Multiple Buildings):** Seismic evaluation, retrofit, and tenant improvements of several reinforced concrete buildings.
- **The Reserve @ Playa Vista:** Adaptive reuse of a 400,000-SF, former Post Office distribution center, including retrofit of core and shell, plus design services for all tenants on the 20-acre campus with a central courtyard and creative office spaces—LEED Gold certified.
- **Red Bull North American Headquarters:** Adaptive reuse of 1970's warehouse building into new headquarters facility with offices, screening theater and studio, warehouse space, and loading docks.
- **Red Bull Headquarters, Building 2:** Tenant improvement of existing 68,400 SF two-story warehouse facility, including an employee café, conference rooms, informal meeting space, gallery and interior gardens.
- **Agensys Laboratories:** New pharmaceutical lab and manufacturing facility.
- **Specialty Laboratories:** New laboratory building.

## Awards

- **The Culver Studios Expansion:** 2024
- **Warner Bros. Ranch Lot Studios:** 2024
- **The Huntington Library Rose Garden Tea Room:** 2024
- **The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture:** 2024
- **John Anson Ford Amphitheatre:** 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020
- **The Reserve:** 2014, 2015
- **Wilshire Boulevard Temple:** 2014
- **Amazon Studios at The Culver Studios:** 2019
- **Von Karman Creative Campus:** 2019
- **LA Union Station Passenger Concourse Expansion and Renovation:** 2021
- **Red Bull Headquarters, Building 2:** 2016
- **Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens:** 2010, 2014
- **Agensys Laboratories:** 2013
- **Herman Miller Los Angeles Showroom:** 2010, 2012