



**Russell Kehl, SE**  
Principal and President

**Years of Experience: 28**

**Years with Structural Focus: 25**

#### Education

- MS, Civil Engineering  
The University of Texas at Austin, 1998
- BS, 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  
2024-2026
- 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 Kehl 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.

### 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. Ranch Lot Studios:** New design for 16 new soundstages in 4 studio buildings, plus eight office and production buildings, and one mill structure.
- **Warner Bros. Post-Production Facility:** New office and post-production building.
- **Warner Bros. Miscellaneous:** Renovations to hundreds of buildings.
- **Sony Computer Entertainment America at The Reserve:** Adaptive reuse, creative office space.
- **Sony Motion Capture Studios at The Reserve:** Adaptive reuse, creative office space.
- **John Anson Ford Amphitheatre:** Historic restoration and new building with loading dock, outdoor terrace, concessions, and offices.
- **City of Palm Springs Plaza Theatre:** Seismic evaluation and retrofit of the historic 1936 theatre, including various building upgrades with all new MEP systems and auditorium seating area upgrades. The facility also serves as a community and educational center.
- **LA Union Station:** Historic structures report, historic ceiling evaluations, renovation of historic building, fire repairs.
- **3240 Wilshire Boulevard (I-Magnin):** Seismic retrofit and adaptive reuse of historic 1930s, five-story department store—maintains first floor retail, while converting remaining floors into loft apartments.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camp Hess Kramer:** Design services (including more than 20 camper cabin buildings and several camp activity buildings) for the reconstruction of a children's camp where many of the buildings were lost due to the 2018 Woolsey fire.

- **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.
- **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.
- **Self-Realization Fellowship Garden:** Design for the new garden pavilion structure, with an octagon-shaped floor plan and a 20-ft dome roof. Also includes a redesign of the garden shrine structure.
- **Pasarroyo, S. Lake Avenue (Multiple Buildings):** Seismic evaluation, retrofit, and tenant improvements of several reinforced concrete buildings.
- **Agensys Laboratories:** New steel-frame pharmaceutical lab and manufacturing buildings designed to combine the facility on one campus, with admin and manufacturing spaces, and research & development operations. The existing steel-framed “butler” building was partially preserved to provide a common space for meetings and employee amenities.
- **The Shops @ Santa Anita:** Tenant improvement landlord support for various retail stores in this outdoor shopping destination, including renovations of security offices and restrooms, various assessments and evaluations for buildings, seating, drainage, retrofits, and miscellaneous needs.
- **Von Karman Creative Campus:** Structural engineering services for this landscape design project for a 24-acre campus to interconnect the 9 buildings, while creating outdoor spaces for employees, such as a green belt, seating, steel artwork, small cabana style structures, multi-functional spaces, sport court, and a café.
- **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.