



Barbara Richardson

Director – Color Marketing, North America

Barbara Richardson oversees the development of color programs for AkzoNobel in North America, which is headquartered in Strongsville, Ohio. As Director of Color Marketing, she is responsible for the implementation of all color programs which includes research, development of color tools, the creation of unique presentations, forecasting color trends and building relationships with clients to comprehensively address their design requirements.

Barbara began her career with AkzoNobel more than 40 years ago, the first 20 of which was working to develop all-encompassing color concepts for commercial applications for clients throughout North America. This was followed by five years as Manager of the Design Studio, where her focus was devoted to growing the department, developing team skills and enhancing services to include computer technology. The creation of the Color Marketing Department by Barbara in 1999 allowed for the expansion of in-depth research and enhancement of the company's endeavours in color.

Throughout her career, Barbara has appeared before professionals in her field, business audiences and the general public via television, webcasts, radio and in personal presentations. Her expertise includes color and design trends, color use in the built environment, color evolution, merchandising and the psychological aspects of color. Professional audiences include: American Society of Interior Designers [ASID], International Furnishing & Design Association [IFDA], American Institute of Architects [AIA], Construction Specifications Institute [CSI], Toronto Trends Show, International Window Covering Expo [IWCE], Paint and Coatings Expo [PACE] and Puerto Rico Design Forum.

Barbara is a member of a number of professional associations, including Chairholder of The Color Marketing Group [CMG] and membership in The American Society of Interior Designers [ASID]. Additionally, Barbara has been awarded three design patents for her work in the industry.

Barbara received her Graphic Design Degree from Cooper School of Art and her Interior Design certification from New York School of Interior Design. She's active in the Northeast Ohio community, including her involvement with the Fairview Park Chamber of Commerce. Adding to her interests is the creation of innovative Pet Products which leads to fund-raising support for Best Friends Animal Society.

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