

**2018 AIA Nebraska Legislator of the Year Award Recipient
Senator Patty Pansing Brooks, District 28**



The AIA Nebraska Government Affairs Committee established a biannual award to recognize outstanding legislative contributions to the profession and the practice of architecture by a member of the Nebraska Legislature. The Legislator of the Year will have demonstrated leadership and an active role in advancing the legislative priorities of AIA Nebraska.

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks has served in the Nebraska Legislature representing District 28, central Lincoln, since 2014. Her successes over the last 10 years include co-chairing the fundraising effort to raise millions of dollars for Lincoln's Union Plaza on Antelope Parkway, lobbying for a \$250-million-dollar school bond issue, and co-chairing the capital campaign to renovate Nebraska's Centennial Mall, and Union Plaza and as well as the Coordinating Committee, of the iconic First Plymouth Church \$10 Million Renovation Campaign. Lincoln is a better place because of Patty's energy, commitment and passion for her community and built environment.

While in the Legislature, she has made it her mission to improve women's lives by supporting women's issues and ensuring affordable health care access to all Nebraskans. Pansing Brooks is known for tackling tough issues across the State. She has introduced and passed legislation that increases penalties for human traffickers while boosting protection for victims. She also won approval of measures designed to improve the juvenile justice system and increase financial protections for college students.

She is a small business owner and partner in her law firm, Brooks Pansing Brooks, a wife and mother of three children.