

Ohio Desk History



HEART “The one overriding characteristic that has brought this company to where it is today and will drive the success it will achieve tomorrow, is heart – the will to succeed and overcome whatever obstacle stands in its path. Nothing succeeds like heart. Not skill, not talent, not money, not even luck. Customer satisfaction through persistence, determination and hard work can and will succeed where all else fails.”

**David B. Humphrey, President
The Ohio Desk Company**



Ohio Desk was originally founded as Ohio Desk and Chair Company in 1908. By 1918, the firm had acquired its current name and moved to its present location at 1122 Prospect Avenue under the ownership of Albert Bigalke.

Ohio Desk became a Steelcase dealer in 1927 and in 1947 joined Stow and Davis Furniture Company to form the Executive Furniture Guild – the first nationally organized effort to provide color coordinated interior elements and design to corporate clients.



Through the 1960's, Ohio Desk primarily sold desks, chairs and files to the Cleveland market area. In the 1970's, Ohio Desk began supplying and installing systems furniture which provided a great deal of flexibility to the workplace. In the 1980's, Ohio Desk began offering services such as cleaning, fabric protection and short-term furniture rental. By the 1990's, Ohio Desk had become a provider of integrated interiors, including carpet and hard surface flooring, floor-to-ceiling walls and raised floors. So far in the 2000's, Ohio Desk has expanded geographically into the Akron, Canton,

Warren, Youngstown and Erie, Pa. markets and also added technology products such as Room Wizard and interactive white boards.

Under David B. Humphrey's leadership, Ohio Desk is fulfilling its vision of becoming a regional integrated interiors company.