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architects and builders

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When building a house, you have to lay the right foundation, and a well-designed structure is just as important as a well-built one. When it comes to your home, you want an architect and builder who listen to your concerns, and never take shortcuts. Here are some of the best in the business. >>



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**How do you spend your days off?**

When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and our close friends, fishing, traveling, and photographing.

**What is your greatest achievement?**

My wonderful family.

**Where did you go to school, and what did you study?**

The Pennsylvania State University for architecture.

**What's the best thing about your job?**

Getting to build people's

dreams. A home says a lot about its owners, their dreams and aspirations. It is incredibly fulfilling to help people realize their most deeply held visions.

**What was your most memorable project, or who was your most memorable client?**

Although we have been fortunate to have many great clients and projects, one client and his property in particular come to mind. Over the past eighteen years the firm has worked on ten projects alongside an outstanding team of an interior designer,

landscape architect and contractor. Together we have transformed this twelve-plus-acre property into an unparalleled oasis.

**What sets your business apart?**

The dedication and high caliber work of my architectural team, as well as the synergy of working with some team members for over twenty years.

**Who is your ideal client?**

We do well with demanding clients who have big dreams and the commitment to see them through.

**How would you describe your aesthetic?**

Classic.

**What are your favorite materials to work with?**

Beautiful hardwoods, hand-worked metals,

and stones that express their creation.

**What's the biggest challenge you've come across in your work?**

Time. In this day and age when instant gratification is readily available in so many places, it is a constant challenge to get clients to understand the

time necessary to do a project right.

**What is your motto?**

Do it right the first time!

**Who are the designers/architects you admire?**

Edwin Lutyens, Charles Platt, Andrea Palladio, Mott Schmidt, and Carlos Scarpa.

**What's quality to you?**  
 Great designs built to last.

**What was your first job?**  
 My first, and every job since, has been in architecture.

**What is your favorite restaurant in Fairfield County?**  
 Chef Luis in New Canaan.

