



## **What Can An Architect Do For You?**

Every building project involves a different site, different planning and zoning restrictions, different availability and cost of labor and materials, different financial considerations – and most important, different needs, aspirations and resources on the part of you, the owner. There are no formulas, no off-the-rack answers.

- Architects can help you come out on top (and on time and on budget!) with your project, whether it's remodeling, renovation or new construction.
- The architect's license charges architects, in the name of public health, safety and welfare, to bring the same professional expertise to their work that lawyers and physicians bring to theirs. Only licensed architects may use the title "Architect" and their project drawings must bear their architect's seal before construction may begin.
- Architects regularly guide clients from the earliest feasibility study to the "last door knob" and beyond. Since architects also create documents – drawings and specifications - that define work to be done, they are in the best position to understand the project as a whole.

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