

# THE ROLE OF THE ARCHITECT

The Architect is a professional who transforms your thoughts, wants, and needs into reality through a process that distills the essence of your practical requirements, aesthetic desires, and functional routines into an envelope of space that you call your own.

All aspects of your life may be considered. Do you enjoy waking to the morning sun? Do you entertain formally or informally? How do children, adults, or even the groceries flow through your home? During the time you spend in your home, does its organization work for you, or do you change your routines to fit its requirements?

The Architect identifies a program of spatial requirements for all family members and how they interact both privately and communally within your home. All aspects of daily life are considered. This process continues with the interior space and its relationship to the exterior of the building, as well as the extended environment beyond. How should your home relate to the neighborhood that surrounds it?

In addition to this personal approach, the Architect has the practical knowledge of climatic conditions, zoning requirements, and construction costs that will also influence the building design. It is the ability to take all aspects of the project and fuse them into a symbiotic whole that the Architect provides.

The basic services that are normally offered fall into five phases:

## SCHEMATIC DESIGN:

After meeting with the owner, the Architect will study and analyze the project requirements, upon which the Architect will prepare preliminary designs.

## DESIGN DEVELOPMENT:

Once the conceptual design is agreed to, the Architect may prepare more detailed drawings to illustrate other aspects of the proposed design.

## CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

Once the final design is established and approved, the Architect will prepare detailed plans and specifications that describe the scope and quality of the work. The complexity of these drawings may vary considerably depending on the project, the client's needs, and the method of contractor selection.

## BIDDING AND NEGOTIATION:

The Architect can assist in obtaining competitive bids from contractors and providing detailed bid analysis so the final contractor selection can be made.

## CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION:

The Architect may visit the site to review the progress, quality of work, and conformity to design intent. The Architect can coordinate with the owner and contractor during construction to assist in finish selections, approval of payments, etc.

## SUMMARY:

The role of the Architect is to guide you through the maze of design options, building codes, zoning laws, and other aspects of construction to assure you of a finished product that is functional, enjoyable, and addresses your aesthetic sensibilities. OLIVIERI ARCHITECTS is a full-service architectural firm with a specialty in custom residential projects. From historic renovation and preservation to new construction, we can provide you with the unique services that your specific project requires.



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