

DREAM HOMES OF TENNESSEE

Mitchell Barnett, Architect, P.C.

With an innate passion for architecture, Mitchell Barnett builds each house with the idea that a home serves as the greatest demonstration of a client's lifestyle. It is a personal expression that exhibits the owners' priorities, interests and individual tastes.

Because of this, Nashville-based Mitchell Barnett Architect takes each project to heart, not letting a single detail slip through the cracks.

Shying away from signature design features, special attention is given to homeowners' specific needs and hobbies. Mitchell encourages clients to bring their entire family for meetings and consultations, providing him with valuable insight into the family dynamics. These perceptive qualities translate into a home's plan, making a house really work for its residents.

After working with commercial design in the early stages of his career, Mitchell saw a formulaic rigidity that this facet of architecture required. Seeking something with more character and soul, Mitchell pursued the niche of highly personal custom residential architecture. A home design for a professional football player is a testament to the firm's approach. The Tennessee athlete also happened to be a food enthusiast and an aspiring chef, prompting Mitchell to build a spacious, workable kitchen that served as a focal point in the home. Keeping this priority in mind, the entire Mitchell Barnett team gave attentive consideration to the kitchen throughout the process. Providing a domestic atmosphere that reflects the clients' distinctive character,

Mitchell spends as much time as possible with the future homeowners during the design and build process, gauging personalities along the way.

In addition to his NCARB certification, Mitchell is licensed and registered in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina and Florida. Tennessee, however, holds a unique charm for the architect. Upon graduation, Mitchell chose to remain in his home state instead of following his friends to bigger, more urban areas. Large cities seemed to place an emphasis on artistic pretension and predetermined style that did not appeal to the young designer.

With an admiration for Frank Lloyd Wright's unrestrained innovation, Mitchell aimed to avoid the repetitive patterns of metropolitan areas. He strongly believed that there was a need for fine architecture in his region and wanted to harness the natural beauty of the land into his home-grown style.

Avoiding synthetic materials, Mitchell uses natural stones and various woods to accentuate the organic Southern surroundings of the homes. Often, the color palette of the home complements its proximate setting.

His native state has the virtue of variety, exhibiting sites from hilly country sides to open, flat land.

Mitchell believes that the best way for architects to fully understand what clients go through during the design and build process is to experience the process themselves. He has built four personal homes and commissioned one hefty renovation to a 1920s' house. Here, he realized the crucial role of the interior designer—a key position to creating impressive architecture.

With a diverse clientele, the design team rises to each unique challenge by utilizing a mix of technological conformity and creative expression. His specialized group is comprised of 10 administrative and technical associates, which has grown since the company's inception in 1982. This current size allows each project to receive the personalized attention it deserves without sacrificing the ability of tackling larger ventures. Members of the group focus their expertise on specific tasks, guaranteeing quality results.

Tess Stanford assists clients as the project development director, serving as a guide through the contract work and during the beginning stages of construction. Her knowledgeable updates keep clients highly involved, making sure each decision is clearly communicated amongst all parties.

Remaining up-to-date on current architectural trends, Mitchell incorporates state-of-the-art equipment and methods into his work. In order to stay abreast of changes, staff member Kelly Hopkins devotes her time to intensive product research and comparisons. This ensures the company is using the industry's most efficient, results-oriented methods

Because today's architectural developments concern ecological awareness, Mitchell uses information on Green building to educate his clients and provide them with the power to make well-informed decisions during the construction process.

Taking a step up in custom building, Mitchell opted to bring Ann Copeland into the office, giving her full command of interior styling.

Overall, planning his own residences taught him a great deal about being on the other side of the table. It reminded the architect of the issues and decisions that homeowners often face, making him more equipped to ease clients through the development of their house.

Mitchell Barnett Architect promises its clients that their homes will suit their needs and offers a sense of comfort with functional spaces. As a full service firm, the knowledgeable team leads homeowners through the process, ensuring a distinctive, custom-made residence. Born to be an architect, Mitchell Barnett and his staff consistently fulfill clients' visions through high-quality, accurate designs.