

# West-Powell

RESIDENTIAL DESIGN-BUILD

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## Introduction To Our Architect

Mark West is a licensed Architect with more than twenty years experience designing and engineering residential homes and communities. Living with his wife and daughters in Hickory, NC, they are a part of the West-Powell team and often work together to stage the furnished homes you can see when you visit some of the West-Powell projects in Western North Carolina.

Mark is a member of the Charlotte chapter of the AIA, and has experience working with people from all walks of life including CEO's, entertainers, professionals, family and friends. Mark has the knowledge and discretion to help anyone achieve their ideal vision. With lake and mountain home designs located from Lake Placid in the Adirondacks to the lakes of northern Georgia, he has extensive experience in the secondary home market and its unique requirements. In fact you will probably see some of his work in local developers advertising as well as in publications at your local library or bookstore.

When you and your family are ready to create a piece of paradise to enjoy for generations to come, Mark is ready to assist you every step of the way.

### Why You Need An Architect:

- He can give you the most valuable service, the most suitable design, and the best construction at the most economical expenditure to meet your requirements.
- Consider this a necessity not a luxury. A new home is likely the biggest investment you will make, and it deserves the scrutiny and experience that he can provide you.
- He is suited, by the study of economy in plan, construction and materials, and by experience to tailor a home to fulfill your specific needs.
- Each plan requires special study to adapt it to its use and site environment.
- The best (final) scheme may be quite different from the original suggested by either you or him, and together he will work to achieve it.
- You benefit from careful consideration of what you want and need.

- Construction drawings differ from conceptual drawings by explicitly specifying to the contractor how the building is to be constructed, thus controlling the level of quality throughout your home.
- A contractor cannot work off of conceptual drawings alone.

"The Architect's function is to work out for you the best solution to the problem at hand."

### Do Not Employ An Architect On The Basis Of Cost:

- An inappropriate design or insufficient construction drawings may often waste money due to poor planning, unsafe and unscientific construction and design, and unwise specification of materials.
- Lower cost often means low quality and insufficient standards.
- A competent architect can save the client several times the amount of his fee by helping avoid delays and mistakes commonly encountered.
- He can provide knowledge of suppliers and manufacturers for your specific needs.
- Less time and money is wasted in the design stage.

### Working With An Architect:

- Make up your mind what you must have by taking him into your confidence as to the amount you are willing or able to spend (for the project in its entirety); He can plan an appropriate design for your budget.
- Be flexible in discussing your expectations versus your budget. Where do your priorities lie, what items can you live without or are worth spending more on.
- Approval of the preliminary (conceptual) drawings doesn't mean you can't change your mind, but continuing with the construction drawings and building of your home must be met with agreement and understanding to avoid delays and additional cost.

### The Construction Stage:

- Use his experience and knowledge of men and materials and in supervision.
- Watch the building process as you see fit; but remember, you have an architect's experience at hand. Trust and rely on him to protect your interests.
- His reputation is as important to him as is your satisfaction with the end project.