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WHEN DID YOU START YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SOUTH BAY?

I have been practicing as an interior designer for 20 years, so I understand what makes a space timeless! My studio, currently with a team of six designers, has offered design services in the South Bay for 14 years.

WHAT MAKES YOUR FIRM UNIQUE IN THIS INDUSTRY?

Our solid understanding of building construction sets us apart from many other interior design studios. As a result, our design solutions tend to be more complex and comprehensive. We go beyond decorating, and we ask very good questions before we start—so the space works, and it feels wonderful too.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR HUSBAND'S COMPANY.

When I say I am "married to my favorite custom woodworker and contractor," Jean-Louis Boudreau (pictured here), I don't just mean that I am loyal to him in business and not looking to replace him with another resource. Instead, I mean we are quite literally married! Our mutual interest of all things related to design and construction has grown into a unique business partnership. For the right clients looking for a seamless transition from design vision to physical execution, it is our pleasure to collaborate together on projects. His specialty is custom cabinets and furniture pieces, but he's also been a licensed general contractor for more than 25 years. For the project featured here, he built the beautiful custom bar, the stair paneling and many other wood details in the home. For more information, visit boudreaucustomwoodwork.com.

DESCRIBE THE FEATURED PROJECT.

As newlyweds, our clients were the first owners of this home in the Hill Section of Manhattan Beach. They asked us to design upgrades to represent their shared vision of married life. For example, in the basement they envisioned an adult gathering space inspired by the pubs of Chicago. We took an empty, ordinary basement and transformed it into a fun party room, adding a custom full-service bar, stone fireplace, pool table and leather club chairs. We selected all new furnishings and window coverings, taking our design cues from Mediterranean architecture—classic and soothing. Our clients thoroughly enjoyed this home for several years but recently decided to relocate. (The home is currently on the market through Morrine Robey of Shorewood Realtors.)

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRM AND THE SERVICES YOU OFFER.

The featured project is a good example of the breadth of services we offer. We love to decorate: furnishings, window coverings, accessories and artwork. We are also very good at space planning—sometimes a space is crying out for spatial adjustments first, the kind requiring construction. We firmly believe in getting the bones of a space right before we fill it up with wonderful things. Interior design is about space!



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