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“Design trends come and go, but the classical tenets of architecture will always remain,” says Chris Derrick, principal and founder of Derrick Architecture, based out of Chicago. It is a respect and love for the traditional elements of art, building and design that inspired Derrick to pursue architecture, eventually leading to the launch of his own firm in 2003. Since then, Derrick Architecture has provided professional service and personal attention to its clients through a distinct understanding of the principles of architecture as related to each individual client’s project. “Just as every client is an individual, each design should include its own exclusive characteristics.” Derrick continues, “Our design is firmly rooted in the traditional vernacular seamlessly merged with contemporary living.” Regardless of the project, Derrick strives to create timeless structures that blend the luxury and convenience of modern amenities with the time-tested elements of architecture. “Our attention to detail takes into account the personality of our clients while adhering to proper scale, balance and proportion to exude permanence, style and functionality.” The success of each project relies on the fulfillment of Derrick’s philosophy, in which communication, honesty, unlimited creativity and a profound respect for architectural tradition align with the desires of his clients.



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*“It is essential to complement the personality of my clients with an elegant design that also integrates form and function.”*



Q+A

**What is your creative process?**

Our process is extremely interactive starting with a series of thought-provoking questions to determine how clients envision their home. We then sketch ideas and conduct any necessary historical design research.

**What are your favorite styles to work on and why?**

Due to my respect for the origin and tradition of architecture, any style that finds its influence in the traditional vernacular is always a pleasure.

**How do you think your clients would characterize you?**

I am an honest, dedicated and creative professional with the ability to make clients comfortable so they can truly enjoy the design process through sharing and communication.

**FEATURES:** This new home was designed to fit into an existing historic district in the western suburbs. The clean lines and simple forms add to the elegance of this finely detailed design.



Photography by Bill Meyer Photography

**FEATURES:** Warm hues add a sense of serenity in the sunlit warmth of this family room. An antique cast iron fireplace surround imported from Ireland adds an element of history to this inviting space.



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**FEATURES:** This award-winning new design was built to fit into an established neighborhood. This welcoming entrance leads to an open floor plan inside while the covered porch allows you to enjoy the beautifully manicured landscape outside.



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**FEATURES:** A traditionally detailed colonnade flanks this elegant formal dining room. Wide plank walnut floors exude comfortable warmth while the ceiling details emphasize the dignified geometry.



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**FEATURES:** This elegant sculptural staircase with decorative balusters adds a dramatic flair as you enter this traditional home. The stair composition is the perfect augmentation to the threshold of this open floor plan.

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