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**From where did you receive your degree? And who was your most memorable Visiting Critic?** Cornell University and Harvard Graduate School of Design. Toshiko Mori was my most memorable critic. She is a masterful architect and educator who possesses a unique sensitivity to materials and a poetic understanding of architecture. It was also inspiring to cross paths with a successful female architect.

**Who are the architects you most admire and why?** Tod Williams and Billie Tsien Architects because their work reflects their belief that architecture “can give a sense of grace to life.”

**Do you practice only in Fairfield County?** In addition to Fairfield County, we practice in metropolitan and suburban New York, and Rhode Island.

**Describe your team.** The office is structured like an architecture studio. I oversee every project from inception to completion of construction, relying on project architects and



longtime staff members to execute the design intention.

**What makes a project GREAT?** A great project is the result of ongoing collaboration between architect and client. An involved client inspires the design team to create a home that is truly personal and exceptional.

**To what extent does energy efficiency and sustainability influence your work?** We are always looking to do more energy-efficient, environmentally sensitive and durable

buildings. We continue to expand our repertoire, learning from experts in building science, and teaming with clients and builders who share this priority.

**What are you most looking forward to doing this spring?** Our first LEED home is beginning construction this spring. We have taken what the client's son described as an “ugly” “Brady-Bunch style” house and all but transformed it into an elegant glass and steel home with a strong connection to the outdoors.