

Design for the Decades

Bittners Celebrates 160 Years as Louisville's Oldest Design Firm

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What might German immigrant Gustave Bittner make of the eponymous custom woodworking shop and design firm he founded in Louisville in 1854? He would undoubtedly be pleased to see that, after 160 years, the company's foundation - an assemblage of master craftsmen with a steadfast commitment to quality - remains intact and further enhanced by a full complement of award-winning residential and commercial design services and a top-drawer showroom that encapsulates the Bittners' ethos of "Designing for the Way You Live".





Douglas Riddle, Bittner's President and COO



We sat down with Douglas Riddle, Bittners' President and COO to get his thoughts on the company's enduring legacy as Louisville's oldest design firm.

SL: What sets Bittners apart in the local/regional market?

DR: Bittners is very special. We have been a thriving interior design firm since 1854, the longest standing firm in the United States. We are widely recognized by our numerous residential and commercial projects in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Nantucket, Houston, and Palm Springs as well as projects in over 12 states including: Florida, Colorado, New York, Massachusetts, Arizona and Kentucky.

Being on the forefront of design is very important to Bittners as Louisville's first design firm. Our showroom reflects that creative drive. We offer so many quality design options in our numerous showrooms from a modern, chic look to very traditional that are truly unparalleled in this region.

Bittners' rich cultural heritage is seen in the furniture made by our on-site master craftsmen and through the creative talents of our designers, which include timeless residential and commercial design. No other design firm has on-site master craftsmen that chisel, craft and create beautiful custom-made dining room tables, chairs, headboards, cabinets and so much more! Our craftsmen can also restore antiques or that important heirloom piece. They create furniture pieces that fit an individual's taste down to the most intricate of details, marrying comfort and style.

SL: Explain the importance of "Designing for the Way You Live".

DR: Each client is unique. We listen to how they want to live and design their homes to fit those needs. With our expansive resources and on-site custom furniture shop, we can design and make great handcrafted furniture for your home that works for you and your family. **sl**