

**LISA BECKER INTERIORS**

**NEW LISTING** After doing commercial set design and art direction for about ten years, Becker started focusing on interior design about five years ago. Her Chicago-based residential projects tend to be modern, but she loves antiques and integrates them whenever she can. She generally uses color and patterns minimally and is drawn to an eclectic-modern aesthetic, often mixing industrial and natural objects with mid-20th-century modern and Hollywood Regency-style pieces. **312-953-2267**

**LESLIE JONES & ASSOCIATES**

Jones, who has degrees in art history and design, mixes clean architectural lines, classical pieces, color, and texture in her interiors. She shops around the world for her clients, who are in the city, suburbs, and farther-flung locales. **1123 W. Washington Blvd., 312-455-1147, ljai.com**

**LESLIE M. STERN DESIGN**

Stern's interior designs are meant to help families live with and love their homes as their needs change. She creates innovative spaces for couples upsizing to accommodate children, empty nesters looking to downsize, and those with special needs, including disabled people and seniors. Offering full-service interior design of new construction and renovations of existing spaces, Stern collaborates with architects, developers, and members of the trades. Her designs often involve renewable and sustainable materials; she especially likes to come up with creative solutions for lighting needs. **2131 N. Fremont St., 773-248-2049, lesliemsterndesign.com**

**MADLINE GELIS**

Gelis designs everything from penthouses to farmhouses, creating serene spaces in all settings. She specializes in renovation and new construction, and her attention to detail extends to choosing tableware and linens as well as paint colors and furnishings. **860 N. DeWitt Pl., 312-943-7464, madlinegelis.com**

**MA MAISON FRANÇAISE**

Amy Grabelle, who owned the now-defunct retail store Ma Maison Française, these days offers a decorating service. She creates everything from classic modern to traditional rooms and loves incorporating a client's existing pieces into her designs. Grabelle will tackle projects big and small, and has clients in the city and on the North Shore. **Evanston, 847-682-3844**

**MARILYN AKINS INTERIORS**

Marilyn Akins likes to work with color; she can transform a client's gray-and-white interior into a rainbow of hues. Akins and her two designers work mostly in the suburbs. **3824 York Rd., Oak Brook, 630-325-3355, marilynakinsinteriors.com**

**MARSHA JONES INTERIOR DESIGN**

This designer calls her interiors classic, timeless, and reflective of the personality of the homeowner. Two of her projects have been featured on HGTV, and her work has also been published in *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Traditional Home*, and *Luxe* magazines. **324 S. Hale St., Wheaton, 630-665-4615, marshajones.com**

**MARSHALL MORGAN ERB DESIGN**

**NEW LISTING** Founded in 1998, this boutique firm led by Erb (an interior designer with an architecture degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology) does everything from new-construction interior architecture and remodels to millwork, lighting design, and art placement. His projects range from classic to contemporary; all have a sophisticated up-

scale feel. The firm, which does work in Chicago and the suburbs, recently transformed a 2,700-square-foot downtown condo that "looked like a beach cottage—all white and blue—into a space that feels more like the Peninsula lobby," Erb says. **943 W. Superior St., 312-563-0000, marshallerb.com**

**MARTIAL**

After spending 16 years as a designer in Paris, French native Martial (who goes by his first name only) moved to Chicago eight years ago and has since impressed local clients and designers with his sense of balance and grand elegance. Past projects have included a 15,000-square-foot lakefront Highland Park residence. **1640 N. Wells St., 312-642-4533, martialinteriors.com**

**MARY RUBINO INTERIORS**

Using influences gleaned from her travels to Europe and Asia, Rubino creates relaxed, simple designs in a style she calls "anti-decorating." She avoids fussiness and museum-style rooms in favor of livable spaces, using classic furniture, textured fabrics, and clients' precious items. **811 Forest Ave., Evanston, 847-424-0432, maryrubino.com**

**MATTER & ORDER**

**NEW LISTING** Headed by Nathaniel Ross, a 2007 graduate of the International Academy of Design & Technology, this emerging firm bills itself as an affordable decorating and remodeling resource. Ross, who does commercial and residential work all over the Chicago area, likes to mix styles and get creative (for one client, he revived a mid-century coffee table that was missing a fourth leg by adding a stack of books in its place). Recent projects have included a hip, color-filled North Shore basement rec room and a traditional country house. **701 S. Wells St., 312-330-5025, matterandorder.com**

**MAXINE SNIDER**

Maxine Snider is admired for her award-winning furniture collection, as well as for her interior design capabilities. Bringing a collaborative approach to every project, Snider favors minimalist furnishings, antiques, and strong architectural details when creating her luxurious, modern interiors. **116 W. Illinois St., 312-527-4170, maxinesniderinc.com**

**M. GRACE DESIGNS**

As a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, Grace Sielaff specializes in green design. "It's an opportunity to design beautiful environments that reduce the demand for energy and prevent future greenhouse emissions," she says. With 20 years of experience in the design industry, Sielaff is adept at renovation, expansion, and reorganization. She works in the city, suburbs, and throughout the Midwest. **312-842-0800, mgracedesigns.com**

**MIA RAO DESIGN**

This full-service, two-person design team will create interiors in any style. Rao, who has worked in design since 1996, develops close relationships with her clients in order to make the process as seamless as possible. Currently, she is completing a project for artist Francine Turk in the Prairie Avenue District and working on a remodel of a contemporary Burr Ridge home. **1626 W. Erie St., 312-850-4841, miraodesign.com**

**MICHAEL ABRAMS**

When planning spaces, Abrams strives to understand a client's personality before selecting art and designing furniture, and his background in fine arts and architecture guides the way. Abrams specializes in new construction and high-end residential interiors. Last year he completed projects in Rancho Mi-

rage, California; Captiva Island, Florida; New York City, and Michigan. **1901 N. Clybourn Ave., 773-248-3039, michaelabrams.com**

**MICHAEL DEL PIERO**

Del Piero creates serene spaces using minimal colors, large furniture, lots of texture, and pared-down assortments of high-impact accessories that are oversized in scale. An avid traveler and collector, she has access to unusual pieces (many of which are for sale at her Bucktown shop, where she also headquarters her firm). She works in the city and on the North Shore. Two of the five people on her staff are licensed interior designers. **1914 N. Damen Ave., 773-772-3000, michaeldelpiero.com**

**MICHAEL RICHMAN INTERIORS**

Richman draws on his architecture background to design everything from a traditional Georgian home to a minimalist urban penthouse with floating walls and flat-screen televisions. His work often includes surprising touches, such as colorfully striped walls to offset a floral bedspread or a dining room with a Donald Judd desk and a glass-topped table by Gene Summers. Richman's R Studio offers affordable, accessible design packages. **405 N. Wabash Ave., 312-755-1551, richmaninteriors.com**

**MICHELLE'S INTERIORS DESIGN GROUP**

Michelle Rohrer-Lauer gets involved early in the design process to guarantee proper space planning and help create functional and timeless interiors for each client. Her designs have been featured in magazines, books, newspapers, and on HGTV. She is also an award-winning furniture designer. The firm has been in business since 1983. **518 Barron Blvd., Grayslake, 847-223-2660; 150 N. Michigan Ave., 312-921-4466, michellesinteriors.com**

**MICHELLE WILLIAMS INTERIORS**

**NEW LISTING** An avid traveler and former celebrity publicist in Los Angeles, decorator Michelle Williams brings a fashion-forward and somewhat bohemian aesthetic to her designs. She uses large-scale objects and mixes and matches ethnic, earthy, modern, and traditional pieces to create homes that feel bold and comfortable. **847-604-2744, mwilliamsinteriors.com**

**MITCHELL CHANNON DESIGN**

With his background in fine arts and architecture and a strong belief in collaboration, Channon creates smartly edited interiors for his residential clients. He believes diversity is his strength; he can toggle between renovating a North Shore farmhouse in colorful country style and designing a sleek Bucktown penthouse in contemporary earth tones. **5733 N. Sheridan Rd., 773-907-8385, mitchellchannondesign.com**

**ML DESIGN STUDIO**

Matt Lorenz's claim to fame may be winning the first season of the Bravo TV show *Top Design*, but for the past 11 years he has built a reputation working for various Chicago design firms. A few years ago, he went out on his own with a small staff, working on high-end residential projects (including a 5,000-square-foot condo in Old Town and a house in Hinsdale) and restaurants. Lorenz handles everything from pre-construction design to millwork. His custom 1950s-inspired furniture line is available through his firm. "I go for longevity and classic minimalism that's beautiful and functional," he says. **101 W. Grand Ave., 312-497-7525, mlstudio.com**

**NAN RUVEL INTERIOR DESIGN**

Ruvel looks to open her clients' minds and inspire them to create their own design story. She creates