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Q&A

WHY HIRE AN ARCHITECT?

When you are about to make one of the biggest investments in your life, you want an expert to guide you through it. An architect translates your needs into a livable space.

YOUR THREE PREFERRED BUILDING MATERIALS?

- Copper: it conducts electricity, transfers water, sheds rain and resists corrosion, all while looking great.
- Clay-fired brick: it stops rain but breathes, it's incredibly durable and it looks fantastic when laid correctly. It's the handmade wool suit of exterior finishes.
- Porcelain: it's strong and beautiful. It can be used on floors, translucent panels and more.

FAVORITE ARCHITECTURAL PERIOD?

Art Nouveau. It was a time when artists and architects pushed away from formal design practices and took inspiration from nature.

ARCHITECTURAL GAME-CHANGER?

Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple. He took what we all thought a church should be, and smashed it to pieces.



▶▶ John Heltzel is an architect who has practiced in Virginia, Washington, DC, and Maryland for more than 20 years. John's mindful approach focuses on attentive listening to the client. This seemingly simple yet unique approach, enhanced by John's creative talent and years of experience, guides the design process toward an intrinsic solution that will achieve clients' goals, reflect their taste and respect their lifestyle. He has worked successfully with hundreds of homeowners on a wide range of residential projects throughout the metropolitan area.



Price Range of Finished Projects \$500,000 - \$5,000,000

Year Established 1991

Number of Employees in Firm 8



TOP: A custom home in Great Falls, Virginia. LEFT: A kitchen renovation in McLean, Virginia. ABOVE: An addition in Great Falls, Virginia.

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