



## CAPTURING AN ESSENCE

Whether sketching an addition or envisioning a custom home, Penza Bailey Architects approaches every project with a client-centric philosophy.

**“W**e don’t do architecture for architecture’s sake,” says Jeffrey Penza, AIA, LEED AP, principal at Penza Bailey Architects. “Our goal is for our designs to meet the needs and aspirations of our clients.”

With this goal, Penza and his team craft custom homes, renovations, and additions that speak to clients’ aesthetic and functional needs. A diverse portfolio of homes—from modern mansions to quaint cottages—illustrates years of experience crafting spaces that exude personalities all their own.

“The more we know about our clients and their lifestyles, the better we can design for them,” says Penza. “For example, if we’re creating a master bedroom, I’ll ask them about their sleep habits. If they sleep late and need it to be dark, it will inform how and where we place the bedroom, or in a renovation, we can determine window treatments.”

An intimate understanding of his clients led to the immaculate renovation of the Baltimore County project. After conducting a feasibility study to assist the clients in selecting the right home, Penza and his team got to work, removing traditional trim and dated finishes to craft a



contemporary retreat. In addition to cosmetic upgrades, the home received a four-foot addition to expand the living and dining rooms, now with expansive windows overlooking the new pool, cabana, and complementing pool house.

While his projects express Penza’s love for his craft, the architect notes his clients’ joy at seeing sketches come to life fuels his passion. “It keeps me waking up and working late at night,” he says. “I just love what I do.”

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**CLOCKWISE FROM THE TOP:** The renovated Baltimore County project features a resort-style pool, cabana, and pool house perfect for summer gatherings or solo swims. Inside, a four-foot expansion enhances the open-concept floor plan. Contemporary finishes, like the wide plank flooring, outfit the more casual office located in the pool house and complement the main home’s aesthetic. Project design by Leah Penza. Built by Delbert Adams Construction Group. Lighting by Jones Lighting Specialists. Photos by Whitney Wasson.