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AROUND TOWN



We're in York, Pennsylvania, at the recently completed Greenbriar Estates Clubhouse. PBA designed this modern facility for repeat client WPM Real Estate Management, who requested a new community space for the apartment and townhouse community. The design balances a generously proportioned leasing office, a maintenance facility, an airy workout space with large windows, and a high ceiling community gathering space. An open-air play area for children complements the building. [Photo credit: REX]

TRENDS

DESIGN PATENTS

Anyone can file for a patent, even architects! Therefore, this article will focus on how patents can benefit architects. It will introduce the concept of I.P. protection for designs and describe what it protects.

Almost every architectural project involves a design that is both new and useful. According to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), *Novelty* and *Usefulness* form an invention's legal basis. Therefore, architects and designers, by virtue of what we do, are prolific inventors. Yet few seek Intellectual Property (I.P.) protection for their designs.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY 101

A good way to understand I.P. is to use real property as an analogy. Imagine a field surrounded by a fence. Your idea (invention) is the field, and the bounds of your idea is the fence. No one can enter (infringe) your property (idea) without your permission. A patent owner can sell, license, or work the property (or do nothing at all). I.P. has real monetary value. And like real property, I.P. can be very valuable or worth very little.

There are three main forms of I.P.: Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights. Patents further break down into Utility patents, Plant patents, and Design patents. Design patents protect the "ornamental appearance of an article of manufacture", which is legalese for how the article *looks*. Design patents do not protect how an article *works*. As such, Design patents are the ideal instrument to protect those items whose value lies in their aesthetics. (Designs can also be copyrighted, but there are important differences between Design patents and Copyrights.)

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RESIDENTIAL — CABANAS

Cabanas have become very popular in residential design. Pool cabanas are a functional and practical addition to any poolside setting. An attractive focal point for your landscape, cabanas are highly adaptive to many needs, including shelter from the sun and rain, rest area between swims, a place to dry off, or a great entertainment spot. Cabanas can include bars, hot tubs, televisions, and fireplaces. PBA considers use, size, and location when planning for your backyard cabana.



This PBA designed resort style cabana is perfect for summer gatherings and complements the adjacent pool and pool house.
[Builder: Delbert Adams Construction Group; Photo credit: Whitney Wasson]



CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS

STAFF PASSIONS



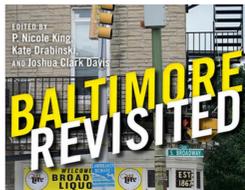
Our Architects have many passions, including playing the piano.

During these pandemic times, all of us have found different ways to soothe our souls, stay balanced, and maintain our physical and mental well-being. I enjoy reading and attend a monthly Zoom book club meeting. I escape into my woodshop every weekend, where I continue to work on endless house renovations. As weather permits, I play golf with a weekly foursome called the BGA (Bad Golfer's Association). I also enjoy hiking, and occasionally walk a few blocks from my home to explore miles of paths throughout the Loch Raven Reservoir Watershed.

But there is one passion above these that takes me to a place deep within that dispels the days' stresses. My baby grand piano sits in the corner of my living room as it has for over 20 years and often invites me to play if only for my own enjoyment. I started playing the organ when I was 11. As with most kids, I could not wait until my lessons were over to get outside to play stickball with my friends. But in no uncertain terms, my organ teacher would not relent. She was a wonderful lady, Ms. Simone, whose own mentor was the world-famous organist Virgil Fox. She was also quite talented, and on a few occasions played the organ at Radio City Music Hall.

[Read more and listen to Dan's piano recital.](#)

THINGS WE LIKE



Baltimore History - Understanding Our Past. Greg Andoll, Architectural Associate at PBA, is an avid reader and writer. He especially enjoys reviewing books that pertain to local history.

Read Greg's [recent book review](#) for AIA Baltimore: [Baltimore Revisited: Stories of Inequality and Resistance in a U.S. City.](#)



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