

# Teamwork

In a Formula 1 or NASCAR Pit Crew, everyone has a specific role and responsibility.

The same is true in a design and construction project.

Architects and designers are typically responsible for identifying needs and developing space plans and supporting the definition of the project scope so someone - often the poor client - can guess what the costs will be.

Then, when commitments are in place, we become an extension of the client's organization to gather and synthesize information and develop responsive designs and contract documents to implement the approved concepts while protecting the client.

We do things differently: we and our consultant team affirm needs and costs by doing detailed estimates at the beginning of the project so the project starts on budget - and stays there.

Sometimes, it feels like we've only got 14 seconds to do a week's worth of work.



The primary objectives of this 120-year old prominent law firm client were to establish a differentiating image of quality, create a workplace that supports high levels of concentration, facilitate collaboration and technology use to optimize client service and efficiency, and establish a place where individuals and practice groups feel part of a whole by facilitating interaction to create a more robust firm culture.

To achieve these objectives, we brought natural light to the interior of the moderately large floor plate by adding skylights over the reception and stair areas, which transformed these spaces into social places.

The law library, after healthy discussion, was reduced by 75% in recognition of new networked resources. Indirect lighting eliminates veiling reflections on computer screens and provides effective, soft ambient lighting. A balanced spectrum of light warms flesh tones to facilitate interaction, and illuminate the client's new art program.



"Bill Eberhard and his team were very easy to work with and almost instantaneously seemed like they were part of our law firm. Getting close to what we do allowed our Design Team to design a space that actually helped us to increase our productivity. The unique aesthetic design created by Bill Eberhard really left a strong impression with the community and our clients. Even today, seven years later, we continue to regularly receive positive comments from visitors."

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