



Shinberg Levinas Architectural Design

Gillon Residential Addition

Bethesda, Maryland

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A bridge connects this new master suite to the family home. The sanctuary of the bedroom and sitting area is wrapped by a rich, protective wood shell on the street side and looks out to the woodland setting on the garden side. Carefully detailed louvers provide privacy. The layers of wood extend to the interior of the private space creating an interplay of light, shadow, and texture. For the jury, the addition was "an object in the landscape. The wrapper is elegant and organic and the whole mass becomes like a large tree trunk in the forest. The structure camouflages itself in the woods."

The drama continues on the interior with rich wood walls contrasting with glassy panes allowing in light and landscape from the private garden. Diffused light filters into the bathing and sitting areas where bookcases and tables are custom-designed by the architect for the space. "Beautifully simple," was the conclusion of the jury.

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