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INTERIOR DESIGN



Miriam Dillon is one of the only interior designers in the DC region who also has an architecture degree; she spent the formative years of her career honing both skills as she developed an interiors division of the residential architectural design firm where she was a project manager.

Barnes Vanze Architects, Inc. hired Miriam in 2010 to add interior design to its portfolio so the firm could offer clients the same impeccable services for finishes, fixtures and decor as its studio was delivering for architecture. After 14 years leading a similar role at her previous firm, Dillon was uniquely positioned for the task—a role that began to take shape early in life.

Miriam grew up in Philadelphia, where she spent many weekends traveling with her mother by train to discover the local art and architecture of the Main Line region. Her mother was a talented art historian and teacher who introduced her to the power of beauty in everyday life. “Love your surroundings!” was her mantra.

Miriam earned her Bachelor of Architecture at The Catholic University of America in 1994. After receiving her degree, she worked as a project manager on both commercial and residential projects, becoming immersed in assembling design presentations and producing construction drawings and shop drawings.

In 1996, she went on to a residential architectural design firm where Miriam developed a finer interest in design as she sought to include interiors within one of her projects. She proposed the idea of introducing interior design services to clients who are building or renovating their homes—her proposal was quickly approved, and her first interiors project was a winner in the Best of Interiors issue of Washington Spaces magazine.

Miriam joined Barnes Vanze Architects, Inc. as the manager of its interiors department. Her work has since been featured in many magazines and blogs, she’s created dazzling spaces for multiple show houses, and continues to pursue happiness in design, in both architecture and interiors.