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River Branch Holdings Honored with Association of Interior Architects Award

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An exercise in restraint, this project appealed to jurors with what one called “zen-like clarity.” A two-story projection from the riverside façade of 300 North LaSalle intrigued the head of an investment banking company that would be a tenant in the new building. He felt its 4,000 square feet of space lined with 100 feet of glass offered a chance to relate directly with the river, and charged the designers with capturing that experience. Setting a conference

room at the edge of the projection and opening it to a seating area to be shared by everyone at the firm, they created a clear, accessible overlook that welcomes the river into the office. For even further openness, they eliminated several solid doors, an idea they credit to the client. The finished space is “supremely edited, an oasis,” jurors said. “It’s spacious, but with meaningful gestures. You’re not left out there swimming in excess spaciousness.”

Architect

Robbins Architecture Inc.

Contractor

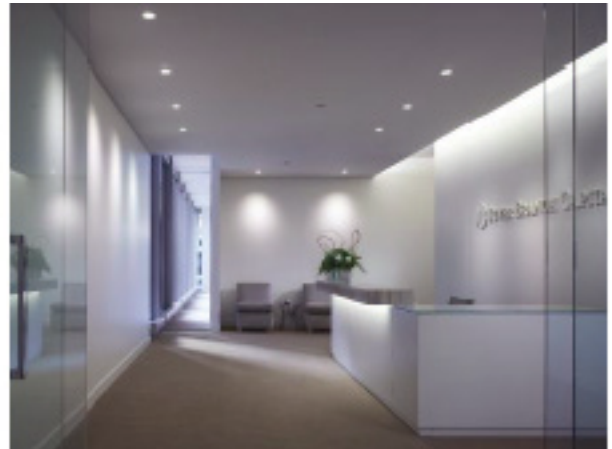
Skender Construction

Consultants

Berta Shapiro Interior Design
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