

Firm History

Architecture 118 was founded by Mr. Hedglin in November of 2004 with a passion to integrate design and construction efforts to deliver the highest value to clients. We strive to bridge the gap between these occasionally distinct, yet mutually dependent aspects of creating the built environment. Architecture 118's staff includes one full-time architect, one half-time architect, two part-time architects-in-training, and one part-time office manager/accountant.



Project Approach

Architecture and construction demand social responsibility. These responsibilities go beyond the visual contribution to our towns and communities. By providing practical, functional solutions that pursue a timeless aesthetic, our built environment can serve us for many generations and diminish the potential for demolition and waste. Architecture 118 delivers creative solutions while showing proper restraint.

Service

There are many ideas of what professional service means. At Architecture 118, we define it as shared ownership of a client's need. If our clients were able to solve the problem themselves, our services would not be necessary. By coming to us with their difficulties, we challenge ourselves to solve the issue while being diligent with every dollar spent. Through a collaborative process, ideas are shared and tested resulting in a superior product. The level of ownership shared with each client differs according to their preferences, our commitment does not.



Architecture 118 will always represent the Client first. Throughout each project, effective listening and communication will result in respectful stewardship of resources and greater Client satisfaction. This is simply the right way to do business.

Exceptional project management is a hallmark of our services. Constantly balancing the pieces of the project; the scope, the schedule, the budget, and the people; allows us to perform at a higher level as owners and clients seek greater accountability.

Integrated Project Delivery

Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) is a founding principle of Architecture 118. The strongest solutions arise out of a collaborative effort that includes the building users, the design team, and the construction team. By establishing collective ownership and understanding shared goals, the team can work harmoniously towards an answer. Whether the project calls for a traditional (design/bid/build) approach or an alternative (design/build, CMAR) method, Architecture 118 strives to develop and maintain amicable relationships with all parties.

By leveraging the experience, talents, and input of team members, inefficiencies and waste can be greatly reduced, costs can be cut, productivity can be increased, and positive solutions can be realized.

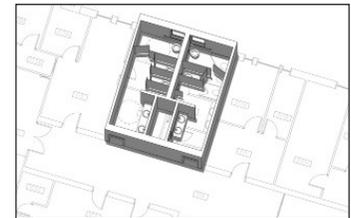


Building Information Modeling

Architecture 118 believes in the many benefits of current technology.

Our services include the ability to visually represent the project to stakeholders through 3-dimensional modeling. The extent of modeling used for each project is unique and based on the value it will provide to the client and the project. The range varies from presentation quality for client use in marketing the project, to illustrating technical coordination issues, to imbedding material specification information, to simple graphics that illustrate areas for better understanding.

We have not found a limit in using this technology to assist in such things as determining quantities of materials, organizing construction sequencing and schedules, studying the impact of daylighting strategies and other energy efficiencies, and coordination of building systems design during planning stages to reduce on-site conflicts during construction.



Technical Excellence

Architecture 118 places tremendous value on technical knowledge and expertise throughout the project. Superb documentation paves the way for accurate pricing and construction. Regular reviews of the drawings and specifications result in fewer questions during construction and reduced change-orders. Our technical excellence extends into the field as well, making sure the project is done right and meets or exceeds all expectations. Architecture 118's attention to detail, thoroughness, communication, documentation, and follow-through during the construction phase is key to a successful project.



Sustainability

Architecture 118 has a common-sense philosophy towards sustainability. We believe in the widely accepted definition of "the ability to meet present needs while not diminishing the future generation's ability to meet theirs." We work towards this goal in our buildings and communities.



Community Involvement

Knowledge gained and shared by involvement and volunteerism with various local boards and groups helps set the stage for successful projects that strengthen our communities. Architects bring a unique skill set to many challenges; being able to focus on the details while keeping the overall goal in mind. We actively share this skill and encourage others to share in their communities as well.