

## **“EXPERT” ARCHITECT/BUILDER JUDGES REGIONAL AWARDS**

Michael A. Menn, AIA, partner of Northbrook-based Design Construction Concepts, Ltd., a full service design/build firm specializing in high end remodeling projects, has used his expertise in kitchen and bath remodeling for more than just his job.

Recently, Menn judged the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) Regional Awards, evaluating more than 50 kitchens and baths from northern Illinois, northern Indiana, southern Michigan and eastern Iowa.

That Menn was asked to judge these awards comes as no surprise. Menn and his partner, Andrew Poticha, have entered similar contests in the past. To date, they are winners of five national Chrysalis Awards for Remodeling Excellence and six Key Awards for Design Excellence from the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago.

“I enjoy being a judge,” said Menn. “Having entered so many contests myself and now serving as a judge, I am able to see the do’s and don’t’s of entering contests.”

This being the first time judging the NKBA awards, Menn said he now understands how difficult it is to choose a winner.

“It was definitely an eye-opening experience for me,” Menn added, referring to what judges go through during contests he and his partner enter.

Menn is no stranger to judging remodeling awards. In 1999, he judged model homes for the Key Awards for the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago. He is also part of a judging panel for *Qualified Remodeler* magazine’s national awards.

“It is an honor to be considered for a panel of judges for any industry award,” Menn said. “It’s even more of an honor to be asked to do so by a panel of my peers.”

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