

**Richard Granoff** founded R.S. Granoff Architects in 1989 and has since grown the company to a professional staff of twenty, with a multitude of interesting projects. The firm has earned a reputation as the leading architectural practice in Greenwich, CT. R.S. Granoff Architects has designed hundreds of homes, renovated dozens of commercial buildings, built over a million square feet of professional offices and has completed many multi-family structures.

Mr. Granoff earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree, Cum Laude, from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in 1984. At Syracuse, he was awarded numerous merit scholarships and was on the Dean's List. He spent a semester studying design and history in Florence, Italy. Mr. Granoff is a registered architect in the states of New York and Connecticut. He is also a LEED Accredited Professional, focused on sustainable "green" building practices.

Prior to establishing the firm Mr. Granoff worked with noted architect David Rockwell in New York City for three years. While there, he focused on many large restaurant and residential design projects. He also worked in the office of interior designer Gerald Luss in New York City for two years, where he was responsible for managing commercial projects. In addition, he was the staff architect for Marigold Real Estate in Greenwich, CT for three years, where he designed and managed the development and construction of many luxury homes.

Mr. Granoff's accomplishments have been widely recognized. He has appeared on TV in shows such as Good Morning America and High Net Worth. The firm's work has been widely published in The New York Times, Fine Homebuilding, Veranda, Modern Estate, Country Club Quarterly, At Home, Hamptons, Westchester Home and Greenwich Magazine, as well as many other publications and books. In addition, Mr. Granoff has lectured on Sustainable Design and has taught several courses in home design and renovation.

Mr. Granoff is quite active in local community affairs. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and the head of the Building Committee at the Whitby School, the oldest and largest Montessori school in the country. He is a Board Member of the Greenwich Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also a Board Member of the Arch Teen Center and Executives for Conservation, a division of Greenwich Audubon. He has served on many other boards, including the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and the Rock Ridge Association.

R.S. Granoff Architects has also given back by completing many pro-bono building projects for local organizations. These include the Greenwich Adult Daycare Center, The United Way, The Greenwich Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Chabad Center for Living Judaism.

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**Bill Valus** is the Co-Owner of Encon, one of the areas premier heating and air conditioning companies. Bill is a mechanical engineer with 21 years of experience designing energy efficient HVAC systems for homes and businesses throughout Fairfield and Westchester Counties. He has extensive knowledge in all types of HVAC designs including geothermal heating & cooling systems. Bill is certified in geothermal design with the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association. This certification is held by only three other engineers in the state of Connecticut. Bill is a member of the Association of Energy Engineers and a founding member of the Fairchester Green Building Council.

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**Steven Chandler Hall** is the principal and owner of Chandler, LLC. His firm provides owner representation and project management services to owners for the design and construction of high value residential and hospitality projects. He has a BA from Princeton University in architecture and completed graduate courses in city and land use planning at UCSD. Following military service as a US Navy pilot, Mr. Hall joined Bechtel where he translated his background in design into project management.

Steve has worked on projects in Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, South America and across the US. He has published articles in Architecture and the UN Development Forum and has been featured in several publications and books, as well as having been a speaker and panelist at conferences in the US, Europe and at the UN on the integration of values into business practice and core services.

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**J. Jared Haines** has over fifteen years of experience in sales, marketing, and customer service. His experience ranges from a small start up technology firm to one of the largest communications companies in the world. Mr. Haines spent 10 years before he worked at Mercury Solar at BT Infonet as a Regional Vice President and was responsible for Sales in the Eastern Region of the US. Mr. Haines has most recently joined Mercury Solar Systems, as their President and has organized a group of highly talented people to create a new kind of solar company! Mr. Haines is a local authority on solar energy and has appeared in various media engagements, which include Newspaper articles, TV spots, and Radio Interviews.