



BEST SPECIALIZED ROOM DESIGNERS

Law offices are not typically where you expect to find jaw-dropping interior design. But when Harris Personal Injury Lawyers hired Esteban Interiors (estebaninteriors.com) to transform a raw 4,000-square-foot space in the historic El Cortez, they got a Chateau Marmont-inspired workplace that's so modern and cozy (hello, fireplace!), employees might actually want to work overtime. "People are craving timeless elegance," says designer Esteban Lopez. "What really sticks around is a mix of different eras—those are the most approachable spaces." Since arriving from Manhattan in 2003, Lopez and James Niebling have transformed countless spaces—and the more unique the challenge, the better. When a client wanted her Rancho Santa Fe wine cellar converted to a nursery for her son, the duo created a woodsy baby lodge with a white staghorn chandelier. With the help of CAD software, the firm can give you a 3-D virtual tour of every last detail. Other clients who have signed on for their special brand of uptown cool include the US Grant Hotel, Rancho Bernardo Inn and the offices of J Public Relations.



BEST FIVE-STAR TRAVEL COMPANY

Nobody knows five-star travel better than Salima Ruffin, founder of Creations (sdcreations.org). Raised in Kenya and schooled in Germany and Switzerland, Ruffin grew up in her family's hotels, landing at The Westgate in her early 20s. As their celebrated concierge (deemed Lady Westgate), she was one of the first women to be inducted into Les Clefs d'Ors—the highest order of international concierges. She later launched her own company, designing mind-blowing experiences for fashion icons, A-listers, CEOs, pop stars, spiritual leaders and global influencers. From her La Costa base, she arranges for residence in royal places in India, truffle hunts and private chefs in Umbria, private fireworks displays over your estate in Lake Como, boqueria tours with a Michelin-starred chef in Barcelona and more. "We specialize in manifesting your dreams. Nothing is impossible," chimes Ruffin.



MOST INNOVATIVE SKIN SAVIOR

While no one has discovered the fountain of youth yet, Dr. Mitchel Goldman is pretty close. As the founder and medical director of the world-renowned Cosmetic Laser Dermatology (clderm.com), he remains on the cutting edge of new technologies, conducting up to 20 research projects a year with his team. From "breast rejuvenation" to vanquishing saggy skin, there's almost nothing they can't do. "We can tighten your arms, your abdomen, your legs, and bring them back to where they were 20 or 30 years ago," Goldman says—all without surgery or downtime. Unlike other practices that might have only one or two laser or energy devices to use on patients, CLD uses more than 50. "We virtually have every technology available," he says. "It gives our patients the best possible care that they can receive." No wonder devotees fly in from all over the country to see him. Insider tip: Goldman, who co-created the cult favorite SkinMedica TNS Essential Serum, the first anti-aging serum with growth factors, is currently awaiting FDA approval for a new treatment that makes cellulite disappear with a simple, painless injection. Says Goldman, "The future looks really, really good!"



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