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## 308 Mulberry

**Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect**

Lewes, Del., faces northeast into the mouth of the Delaware Bay and contains primarily late 19th century and early 20th century balloon-framed buildings. This house, originally from the early 1800s, is in the heart of the historic district but was in poor condition.

In the redesign, the exterior of the original structure is meticulously restored and an early 20th-century addition was removed. Additions more than doubled the footprint, although the design strategy was to allow the historical two-story house to remain prominent with four additions—one-story pavilions organized around a swimming pool and large cedar—being minimally invasive.

The new pavilions are crisply detailed with cedar walls and roofs that match the historic house, except without overhangs and trim and with large expanses of glass in black steel frames. Brick chimneys and landscape walls add vertical and horizontal elements, completing the composition.

The interiors are decidedly modern with white walls void of trim, casings, moldings, and baseboard and white ash flooring. An open, floating staircase, glass walls, aluminum, and stainless steel contribute to the modern palette. The interior of the new living pavilion is rich with a variety of materials, including mahogany, basalt, white marble, and stainless steel.



**Jury Comments:** *This brilliant marriage of the historical and the modern is masterfully executed in concept and detail.*

**Brian Tuskey, Project Architect**

**Photographer: Maxwell MacKenzie Architectural Photographer**

**Contractor: Ilex Construction**

**Interior Designer: Theres Baron Gurney, ASID**

**Landscape Designer: South Fork Studio, Landscape Architecture**

**Engineer: D. Anthony Beale LLC**

