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*Letter of reference for Maryann Thompson Architects – Private client*

Maryann Thompson has been designing our home on Martha's Vineyard. It has been a great experience working with her. She is very responsive to our needs. It is truly amazing to see how fast she can revise plans to take into account our suggestions. Most architecture seems either beautiful or practical; Maryann has accomplished both objectives in our house. There were several site difficulties that Maryann overcame with ease. First the site is very windy, so the house was designed to naturally block the wind without interfering with the views. The views are dramatic in all directions and she was able to integrate the views into every area of the house. There were also difficult zoning issues: we were not at all sure that we would be able to build the house that we wanted. She managed to get the house approved with no changes needed, so that we were able to get precisely the house we wanted. I am usually very critical of architects, particularly the more famous ones. I think many of them are on an ego trip in which they ignore the needs of the clients. I want to emphasize that Maryann is the exception. She is both a gifted artist – whose medium happens to be buildings – and an empathetic and responsive agent of the client – listening and responding to all our needs. We recommend her without reservations. I expect that the design process and resulting product will exceed your expectations.