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The firms listed here are among the most respected in the area—experienced, able to solve complex problems, and aesthetically aware. They aren't the contractors who will tack an incongruous flat box onto your Tudor and tell you to like it. They're much more apt to point out details on your house that you might not have noticed and suggest ways to continue those in the new space. And they're masters at solving the practical problems standing between you and your dream home.



## **Benvenuti & Stein** 2001 Greenleaf St., Evanston, 847-866-6868; [www.benvenutiandstein.com](http://www.benvenutiandstein.com).

This 30-year-old design/build firm does it all, but it is best known for its kitchen and bath designs and custom cabinetry. "The key to a good kitchen is a good layout," says Geno Benvenuti, the firm's president and owner. Focus is on design flexibility and making the transformation process painless for homeowners.

**BENVENUTI AND STEIN** Who says the cobbler's children have no shoes? Geno Benvenuti, president of this contracting company, designed this kitchen for his Evanston home, using custom maple cabinets built by his firm, Bisazza tile, granite countertops, a Wolf stove, and a Franke undermount sink and faucet.

