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## DESIGN BIO *of* NEIL SHAUT

Neil Shaut is a remodeling consultant in the Kitchen and Bath Division of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. A native of Glen Echo, MD, he grew up kayaking and fishing on the Potomac River. As a young adult and entrepreneur, he ran a successful high school landscaping business from his home. After high school, Neil ventured to the desert Southwest and earned a BS in Political Science from Arizona State University. During his tenure, he worked a variety of jobs serving as a chef, lacrosse coach and as a co-teacher in a program dedicated to teaching the mentally challenged. Shortly after his graduation, Neil decided to answer his calling by following in the footsteps of his parents who are both 35-year veterans in the design-build and construction industries respectively.

The early part of Neil's career was spent working in the field as a carpenter gaining valuable knowledge, learning the complexities of transforming functional design into real life structures.

As his career has evolved, so has his outlook on the remodeling industry. Neil is an advocate of green living, embracing the concepts of "Green Design" and its advantages to consumers. He is also a certified Green Advantage Remodeler (GAR), devoted to the use of recycled, reusable and/or low-impact materials, without sacrificing aesthetics or functionality. As a proponent of educating consumers on remodeling, he stays abreast on the latest design trends, products and materials available by regularly attending continuing education classes and seminars hosted by Case and professional industry organizations.

During his free time, Neil oversees the remodel of his grandfather's home as well as volunteering with the Case Cares Program. He also finds time to practice his swing on golf courses all over the Mid-Atlantic and a bit of whitewater kayaking or fishing with his two Australian shepherds, Lyla and Kona.

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