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Press Release



Kristen Totah, ASID

Local Interior Designer Brings Home Awards in National Design Competitions.

Santa Cruz, CA, August 17, 2011: Kristen Totah, ASID, The owner of Studio K Kitchens and Design, has been recognized for two design awards in two National design competitions in the Residential and Hospitality design industry. For residential design, from the K+BB (Kitchen and Bath Business): She received a Merit Award for the Best Kitchen Year. Totah's kitchen design entry beat-out designers from all over the country, in the annual design competition. Her modern kitchen design will be featured in an upcoming issue in K+BB. It will also be featured in the "Taste" Cookbook, featuring winning kitchen designs and designers in Northern California, look for it on the shelves early next year. Totah was also recently awarded the Merit Award for Napili Kai Beach Resort renovation, in Maui Hawaii, from the BIA (Building Industry Association of Hawaii). In their 2011, 26th annual design competition, for her design of the newly renovated Puna II building of the prestigious resort in Maui, Hawaii.

Studio K Kitchens and Design specializes in not only residential kitchen and bath designs, but also full service interior design. The firm's current projects include single family homes, restaurants and resorts throughout California and Maui, Hawaii. With office locations in Santa Cruz, California and Maui, Hawaii, Kristen is able to meet with clients in both California and Hawaii.

Since 1993, Kristen has enjoyed the challenge of creating interior environments that combine the client's functional requirements and aesthetic preferences with fresh designs. Previously based in Maui Hawaii, Kristen designed upscale residential interiors for an impressive array of distinguished clients. In 2007, she expanded her client base, opening Studio K Kitchens and Design, based in Santa Cruz, California. She now operates as the Principal and Design Director for both Studio K Kitchens and Design in California and Cutting Edge Development in Maui, Hawaii.

Kristen has won numerous design awards, including the honor of being a 2-time regional winner of the prestigious Subzero Wolf Design Contest, an International design competition. In 2008, she was honored to sit on the 7 person panel with her esteemed colleagues to judge this event. In 2009, she was awarded 1st place in the category of Large Kitchens, 2nd place in the category of Large Kitchens and 2nd place in the category of Master/Suite Bathrooms, from the Northern California NKBA. She has also garnered awards in competitions such as the NKBA Phil Zweedyk award, BIA Grand award, along with many NKBA and ASID Honor and Merit awards. Kristen's designs have been featured in numerous publications including Architectural Digest, Great American Kitchens, Hawaiian Style Magazine, Coastal Living, Maui No Ka Oi, and Hawaii Home and Remodeling.

Merit Award
2010 Kitchen of the Year *K+BB (Kitchen and Bath Business)*



Merit Award
Napili Kai Beach Resort, Puna II Building *BIA (Building Industry Association of Hawaii)*

