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## The National Kitchen & Bath Association Reveals the NKBA 2019 Design Competition Judges

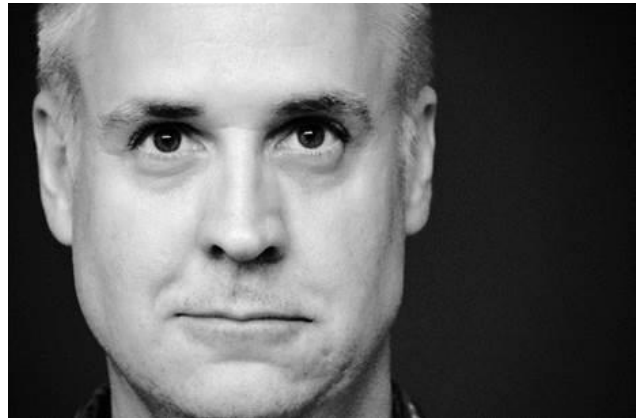
*Designers compete for \$62,000 in prizes and will be honored at KBIS 2019 in Las Vegas.*

**(Hackettstown, NJ) June 6, 2018** – The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) announces the 2019 judges of the industry’s most prestigious kitchen and bath design competition. NKBA’s annual contest recognizes excellence in design and execution of residential kitchen and bath projects. The projects must have been completed between January 1, 2017, and July 2, 2018, to be considered for the 2019 winners’ circle. The competition closes July 2.

The esteemed panel of judges include:

**Bob Borson, NKBA Insider and Architect  
Malone Maxwell Borson Architects**

*Dallas architect Bob Borson, AIA, LEED AP, is widely recognized as the blogger behind Life of an Architect—one of the world’s most popular architectural blogs. In 2009, Borson was named Dallas Chapter AIA Young Architect of the Year. The firm went on to be named 2013 Dallas American Institute of Architects Firm of the Year, and received the 2015 Award for the Promotion of Architecture through the Media, and in 2017, Elevation into the AIA College of Fellows.*



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**Deborah von Donop, NCIDQ, LEED**

Deborah von Donop is a Connecticut interior designer, brand ambassador for select high-end home manufacturers, and the author of popular design and lifestyle blog, [dvdInteriorDesign.com](http://dvdInteriorDesign.com). An interior design, construction, and project management professional with 20+ years of experience and career evolution with premiere design firms, von Donop has recently been tapped as a High Point Market Design Blogger, Modenus design event promoter through Designhounds, and a speaker on Interior Design visibility through online media.



**Christine Dreith, CMKBD**

**Home Improvements Group Inc.**

Dreith started Home Improvements Group Inc. in 1994 and has never lost her enthusiasm and dedication to her clients, her staff, and the industry. She graduated summa cum laude from National University with a degree in Business, and continued her education by becoming a Certified Master Kitchen & Bath Designer (CMKBD) from the National Kitchen & Bath Association and a Certified Remodeling Project Manager (CRPM) from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. She is also a California Licensed General Contractor specializing in remodeling.



**Geeta Kewalramani, CKD, CBD, AiiD  
Principal, Kimaya Designs**

As principal of Kimaya Designs based in Ontario, Canada, Kewalramani believes in transforming dreams into reality through expert consultation, creative designs and hassle-free project executions. Certified in both kitchen and bath design, Kewalramani has been an active member of the NKBA since 2001, when she was appointed chairperson of the NKBA Design Competition Committee. She became the VP of Professional Development for the NKBA Ontario Chapter in 2008. She rejoins the judges' panel for the NKBA 2019 Design Competition.



**Veronika Miller, CEO, Modenus**

Modenus Media encompasses the digital directory Modenus.com, Designhounds national and international design tours, influencer marketing campaigns and Modenus Talks events and seminar programs. Miller herself is a trusted partner to many agencies and manufacturers who are looking for real results in terms of brand recognition, engagement and loyalty with leading influencers and specifiers and for ideas and campaigns that help their brands rise above the fray.



**Kathryn Given, Senior Design and Market Editor, *Luxe Interiors + Design***

Kathryn Given covers the kitchen and bath category for *Luxe Interiors + Design*. She loves keeping up with the ever-evolving, forward-thinking design industry, and shining a light on new and unique projects. She has held positions at *Architectural Digest*, *Elle Decor*, *House Beautiful* and *Veranda* and is a graduate of the University of Richmond. Born on Manhattan's Upper West Side, she recently returned to the neighborhood and lives in a rental with pink linoleum countertops in the kitchen.



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Winners of the NKBA 2019 Design Competition will be honored at KBIS 2019 in Las Vegas, February 19-21, 2019. The 2019 competition has introduced several new categories and has developed an easy, online-submission process. Among the 11 main competition categories are two new areas: concept kitchen and concept bath. Some of the existing categories have changed as well: The Large Kitchen and Large Bath categories have been expanded to the Large Luxury Kitchen and Large Luxury Bath, and the Large Budget-Friendly Kitchen and Large Budget-Friendly Bath.

Entrants must be members of NKBA.

Category awards carry the following prizes: First Place: \$3,000; Second Place: \$2,000; Third Place: \$1,000. There are also prizes for Best Universal Design for a kitchen or bath (\$2,000), and grand prizes for Best Overall Kitchen and Best Overall Bath are \$10,000 each.

Finally, the honorary Clay Lyon Builder/Remodeler award is presented to the winning project submitted by a builder or remodeler.

For more information and to obtain a Design Competition Packet, visit [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org) or e-mail questions to [designcomp@nkba.org](mailto:designcomp@nkba.org).

#### **About the National Kitchen & Bath Association and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show**

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is the not-for-profit trade association that owns the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show® (KBIS), as part of Design & Construction Week® (DCW). With nearly 14,000 member companies representing tens of thousands of members in all segments of the kitchen and bath industry, the NKBA has educated and led the industry since the association's founding in 1963. The NKBA envisions a world where everyone enjoys safe, beautiful and functional kitchen and bath spaces. The mission of the NKBA is to inspire, lead and empower the kitchen and bath industry through the creations of certifications, marketplaces and networks. For more information, visit NKBA.org or call 1-800-THE-NKBA (843-6522).

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#### **About KBIS**

KBIS, in conjunction with the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), is an inspiring, interactive platform that showcases the latest industry products, trends and technologies. KBIS is the voice of the kitchen and bath industry and has been for 50 years.

Early in 2013, the NKBA and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) announced an agreement to co-locate the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) with the International Builders' Show (IBS) in Las Vegas in February 2014 under the banner of Design & Construction Week®. The mega-event will return Feb. 19-21, 2019, in Las Vegas. Kitchen and bath brands that have participated in both shows can continue to choose to exhibit in the KBIS or IBS hall. One pass will provide access to both exhibitions. NKBA and NAHB will continue to produce separate educational programming and special events.

KBIS is operated by Emerald Expositions, the largest operator of business-to-business trade shows in the United States, with most of our shows dating back several decades. We currently operate more than 50 trade shows, including 31 of the top 250 trade shows in the country as ranked by TSNN, as well as numerous other events. Our events connect over 500,000 global attendees and exhibitors and occupy more than 6.9 million NSF of exhibition space. We have been recognized with many awards and accolades that reflect our industry leadership as well as the importance of our shows to the exhibitors and attendees we serve.

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