

Robert M. Sponseller, AIA
Principal

As a Principal Designer with Shalom Baranes Associates, Mr. Sponseller has extensive experience in the design, development and execution of both large and mid-sized mixed use urban projects. Among his recent projects are the 600,000 sf Georgetown Incinerator Project, a mixed use residential and retail building on a historic site, the 800,000 sf Ritz Carlton at 22nd and M Street, and a mixed use residential and retail loft building on Historic F Street. Additionally, Mr. Sponseller recently designed a contemporary addition to a Historic Landmark building at 4500 Wisconsin Avenue above a metro stop, which will include 100,000 sf of retail and 220 residential units. He has particular expertise in the mixed-use project typology on urban sites. Other projects, which Mr. Sponseller has recently designed, include the Nigerian Chancery at the International Center in Washington, DC, and a high-rise residential building on a prominent urban site at Courthouse in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Sponseller is currently serving in a design review capacity for the Office of Planning regarding development in and around the Mount Vernon Triangle District

Since joining SBA in 1994, Mr. Sponseller has been responsible for the design and approvals of over 4,000,000 sf of office, residential and retail space. He has gained considerable experience in working through the approvals process with neighborhood groups, review agencies, and developers on difficult urban sites. He is thoroughly knowledgeable of all local codes, zoning and standards. Mr. Sponseller follows the complex approvals, construction and development issues through all phases of the projects.

Prior to joining SBA, Mr. Sponseller worked in a prominent architectural firm in Rome, Italy on a number of international projects. He earned his B.Arch. degree from the University of Notre Dame and his M.Arch. degree from the University of Virginia. He has been a registered architect since 1989.

Among Mr. Sponseller's recent relevant projects are:

The Former Convention Center Site
The Ritz Carlton Georgetown
2200 M Street, NW
The Nigerian Chancery
912 F Street
Langston Lofts Condominiums
4500 Wisconsin Avenue
The Odyssey
Largo Town Center