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'EARLY BIRD
WINNER'**

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2016 Awards of Excellence – Early Bird Winner Frank Coppola, Coppola Brothers, LLC

“Quality Projects for Quality People.”

That was the only goal Frank Coppola had when he began his Construction Management business, Coppola Brothers, LLC, over 15 years ago. The company began small, a bathroom remodel here, kitchen remodel there. The first few years he worked only for friends and for friends of friends. “By working with and for quality people, our projects and the process have been much more exciting and fun than average”. Frank Coppola states, “I named the company after my two sons to remind myself of what’s important. Who says you can’t work with and for people you like and love?” The company’s reputation, and their status as a validated Wells Fargo Renovation Loan Contractor, has provided all the advertising they need. Dominic Carlucci was the renovation loan specialist who was instrumental in putting this project together.

Back in 2014, he was approached by a young couple who was in the process of purchasing a mid-18th Century Eclectic Italianate single family dwelling and was desperate for a contractor who could return the home to its original splendor. “When I met the homeowner I was inspired by his vision, thrilled to hear he wanted this to be his home for life, and enjoyed the challenge of competing against 6 other bidding contractors.”

Coppola and his crew knew that they were facing a tough

task. Over the years the home had been converted to a multi-tenant apartment house and then back to a single family home. Upon first inspection they discovered that the elderly couple who had previously owned the home had been inhabiting the first floor only and had not ventured upstairs in over a decade. The structural framing had been compromised, the vintage floors had been severely damaged by weather. It was determined that the entire copper roof needed to be replaced, as well as the stained glass windows, inlaid wood flooring, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC system. Coppola states “There are probably only a handful of companies in the state that could



handle a job like this. It takes a certain amount of guts, patience and expertise to even think of tackling a project like this. I’m very proud we exceeded expectations”.

Working closely with Interior Designer, Denise Jones of J2 Design in Millington, Coppola Brothers and their team of highly skilled craftsman spent nine months of tedious work to restore the home to its original grandeur, fully upgrading it to 21st Century standards. Through their vision, they turned the dilapidated old home into a marquis showplace. All one has to do is walk through the front door and admire the beauty of the restored chestnut wood staircase. Cascades of floral and vine wallcoverings carry your eye up to the second floor landing to rest upon the sparkling stained glass windows. To say that the homeowners were pleased would be an understatement.

The best part of the whole project is not only knowing that the homeowner’s are happy with their house; but being able to call them friends and the joy of seeing them enjoy the house that we fixed for them when we visit.



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