



Mayle Law Office

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A fire destroyed the original law offices of Mayle LLC, creating the need for a new office and location. The attorneys desired a new building with a welcoming, comfortable and almost whimsical atmosphere for meeting with clients while sometimes under tense and stressful situations. The exterior cladding materials include brick and cedar siding. The cedar was treated in the process known as the Shou Sugi Ban technique, which uses fire to preserve the wood, giving it a soft charcoal color on the landscape. The roof was designed to allow for a butterfly roof in the future with a Phase II addition. The soffit is a statement which flutters with its dramatic contrast to the contemporary black and white exterior. Offices and conference rooms are interspersed on the first and second floor. A second-floor lounge space has large windows to bring in natural light and a fireplace creating a relaxing atmosphere for gathering. Art work frames the walls to strike conversation and to express the mission, personality and values of the attorneys in their practice. A unique feature of the office is the large mural titled "Imagine" by Matt Ritter located in the core of the office, as well as a sculpture entitled "Zip" by Jason Johnston. Visitors are greeted upon entering the building by these works of art which encompass the spirit of the building.

