

ZEPHYR ARCHITECTS

14 N. Bennet St

Location

North End, Boston, MA

Use

Multi Family Residential

Size

8,060 sq.ft.

Cost

\$2.5 Million

Constraints

Historic Preservation



At 14 North Bennet Street, we tackled the challenge of preserving the historical integrity of Leonard's Rectory while re-imagining it for modern residential living. The original facade was meticulously restored, but the integration of rear and roof decks required a delicate approach. Our solution was to introduce a subtle one-story addition that respected the historic architecture while adding functional outdoor spaces, ensuring the new design harmonized with the building's character and the surrounding North End streetscape.

Inside, re-configuring the interior presented another challenge: adapting the original layout to meet modern standards without compromising the building's architectural essence. We opened up the floor plans to maximize natural light and flow, while maintaining key historical elements. Modern systems were discreetly incorporated using advanced techniques to ensure both comfort and preservation. This careful balance of old and new allowed us to solve practical challenges while honoring the building's legacy and ensuring its relevance for future generations.