

## BHAKTI'S BIO

Bhakti Bania is an Architect and LEED Accredited Professional with over 23 years of experience. She co-founded BBCO, an architecture and interior design firm, with her husband Bharat Baste in 2009.

Bhakti is proficient in designing complex programs into a limited footprint while still maintaining a high design standard. She is interested in exploring new and interesting uses for common building materials, with an emphasis on quality over quantity. Her expertise lies in her ability to distill the big ideas of a project and express these comprehensively in presentations to committees and design boards.

In her current role as CEO of BBCO, Bhakti has relentlessly built a strong client base for the company by maintaining existing client relationships and developing new business. An excellent communicator, she has been instrumental in leading the company to its current success. BBCO practices in 3 major markets including International Retail, Mixed-use multi-family and Student Housing and Public projects including work with the City, State and Federal Government.

Bhakti was honored with the 2018 Visionary Award from the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Columbus Chapter.

Bhakti is originally from Mumbai and completed her Bachelors Degree in Architecture from the University of Mumbai. She moved to Columbus to pursue her Masters at The Ohio State University. She believes in volunteering her time and is on the Board of The Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland, the Upper Arlington Community Improvement Corporation and in President Elect for the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Columbus chapter. She is also involved the Knowlton School Alumni Society as a Past President as well as the BBB and is a member of ULI and NAWBO.

She lives in Upper Arlington with her husband, 2 kids and a dog.