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REMODELING PROJECTS

Inspiration to make your homes even more beautiful!



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Executive Errands[®] has been providing remodeling services for a wide array of projects both large and small over the last 17+ years. We carry a CA General B license (#944447) and have maintained our license and insurance in good standing since we first started offering these services.

We do have a large suite of subcontract vendors, most of whom have been working with us for over 10 years and all of whom are licensed and insured properly for their trades and name Executive Errands[®] as additionally insured.

We kind of fell into remodeling.

As our clients requested more variety in the services we offered, it was a logical next step when a flooring job morphed into a bathroom remodel or when the results from a tile cleaning project led to new window treatments.

You know how remodeling goes — it is the epitome of the domino effect — a chain reaction where the more you do, the more the rest of your home begs for upgrades.

And of course there are any number of preventative maintenance projects we offer to help extend the serviceable life of your home's major components.

One of the best compliments we receive though is when clients come back to us summer after summer with new projects.

But what about the eternal debate: to remodel or not to remodel? That is the question. While there are certainly benefits to both remodeling and not remodeling, let's take a closer look at the advantages of remodeling:

- 1. Increased Functionality
- 2. Increased Home Value
- 3. Improved Aesthetics
- 4. Enhanced Comfort & Livability
- 5. Personal Satisfaction

All of these are valid reasons to remodel but some homeowners worry about spending over the value of the home or making a change that a potential buyer might not like. When clients express these concerns, we share our personal belief about living in your home:

Make it the way you want it.

You're the one who in the home; your home should be a reflection of your personality and your way of living. Never let anything prevent you from living your dreams.

You might want to know though, which remodeling projects yield the best return on investment. Here are the top four (in reverse order because we live in Paradise nine months of the year!

Outdoor Living Spaces: With more people spending time at home and seeking outdoor amenities, investing in outdoor living spaces can offer a great return on investment. Consider adding a deck, patio, or outdoor kitchen to create a functional and inviting space for entertaining and relaxing. Build or remodel your pool to take advantage of new designs and quality of today's materials - tile, Pebble Tek and coping. Features like fire pits, pergolas, and landscaping can also enhance the appeal and value of your outdoor area.

Kitchen Renovation: They say the kitchen is the heart of the home, and for good reason. A well-designed, updated kitchen can significantly increase the value of your property. Consider upgrades like new countertops, cabinets, appliances, and fixtures to modernize the space and improve functionality. Even minor updates, like fresh paint or updated hardware, can make a big impact. **Bathroom Remodel:** Next to the kitchen, bathrooms are often high on the list of priorities for homebuyers. A stylish, updated bathroom can add significant value to your home. Focus on upgrades that improve both aesthetics and functionality, such as replacing outdated fixtures, upgrading the vanity and countertops, and installing a new shower or bathtub. Adding energy-efficient features like low-flow toilets or LED lighting can also boost the appeal and value of the space.

Curb Appeal: First impressions matter, and the exterior of your home is the first thing potential buyers see. Investing in curb appeal can yield a high ROI by enhancing the overall look and feel of your property. Consider projects like landscaping, exterior painting, updating the front door, and replacing old windows or siding. Simple touches like adding outdoor lighting or a fresh coat of paint to the trim can go a long way toward boosting your home's value and curb appeal.

Here then are real examples of work we've done over the last 17 years. If you'd like to discuss a project, please reach out to us at 760.898.9604 or send an email to us at: info@executive-errands.com



Sometimes we want a more modern look but we don't want the cost of a full kitchen remodel or the cabinets themselves are in good shape but they are just dated. For clients in this quandary, we offer a reface project for consideration.

If you're happy with the layout of your kitchen, Refacing instead of Replacing is more economical, quicker and better for the environment.

In this kitchen, we replaced the cabinet panel on the refrigerator with a new, sleek stainless-steel panel which made a huge impact to the room as a whole.



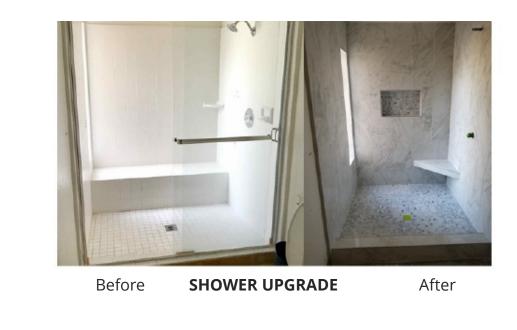
Tired of a so-so patio — need a little elegance? Mid-century modern and stack stone are made for each other — especially in white that glitters in the sun — be sure to put on your sunglasses before stepping onto the patio though, because these walls are blinding!



Before WALL MAKEOVER

After

Ah, the shower—a sanctuary of relaxation and rejuvenation. But what if I told you that it could be even better? That's right, my friend, remodeling your shower isn't just about aes-thetics—it's about elevating your daily routine to a whole new level of luxury and comfort.



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One of the most significant benefits of remodeling a shower is the opportunity to customize it to fit your unique needs and preferences. Say goodbye to the one-size-fits-all approach and hello to a shower that's tailored specifically to you. Whether you crave the soothing embrace of a rainfall shower head or the invigorating power of multiple body jets, the possibilities are endless.

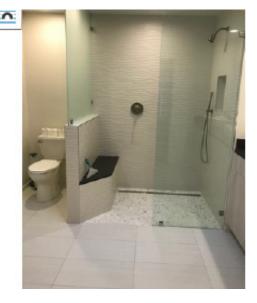
Here are a number of showers to wet your palette (oops, pun intended!)

Two more 'after' shower remodels. In the one on the left, the client found the decorative tile at a little shop in Joshua Tree and wanted to add it to her very bold shower (which she loves, btw).

And in the one on the right, that was a full bathroom remodel — a much bigger shower, new cabinets, flooring, everything. If memory serves, we pushed a wall about 2 feet into a huge master bedroom to reconfigure and redo this bathroom! What a difference two feet make! This bathroom was huge!



Another Mid-Century Beauty



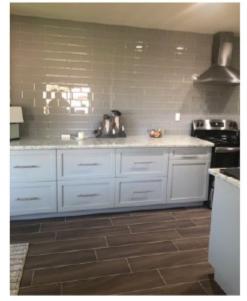
And a More Classically Modern Look

One of the most significant benefits of remodeling a shower is the opportunity to customize it to fit your unique needs and preferences. One of our most favorite remodels — an entire house, but it's the kitchen that knocks you off your feet!

Everything in this home changed: Flooring, countertops, cabinetry, modification of the master closet, all new appliances, new showers, new skylights, and we eliminated a fireplace to provide more wall space for our client's main living area. In the kitchen, only one upper (for a coffee bar), large deep lower drawers and a backsplash that screams

"LOOK AT ME, I'm ART!"





Before

KITCHEN REMODEL

After

A kitchen remodel that just screams "Look at me, I'm ART"

Now here is a project that took almost a year from start to finish! One of our clients had a fireplace fire and we helped her with all three (yes THREE!) insurance companies, getting drawings and permits through the City, coordinating the remediation and the reconstruction. The homeowners were gone for nearly all the reconstruction, so we wanted them to see a picture-perfect result. If the before and after picture look so similar you question whether they are the same, please look at the design of the fireplace, the TV on the hearth, and the size of the hearth. *We are very proud of this project*!



Before

After the fire — thankfully no one was hurt and there was a lot of smoke damage but fire was limited to the fireplace

The red 'danger' tape is because the fire inspectors would not allow anyone to touch that fireplace until they had determined the root cause of the fire. The modern and beautiful replacement fireplace is all electric — no more fires here!



After Fire

After Reconstruction

Replacing tired and worn-out concrete driveways with pavers is a quick way to improve your curb appeal. These conversions take about a week, start to finish (once all materials are in hand) and there are many colors and patterns available.

Do you know the difference between tumbled pavers and non-tumbled? Tumbled are more rustic looking, they have irregular edges where non-tumbled pavers have very straight edges.



Before DRIVEWAY & WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS After

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You know what's awesome about a backsplash? You can change it more than once! Pick something you don't like or change the style of your home,? Just rip it out and start over!



Before (original)

BACKSPLASHES

After #1

Here are two more random 'after' backsplashes. One fairly traditional, the other definitely mid-century inspired. To me, backsplashes are like jewelry — just enough adornment and millions of options — each laying a foundation for the 'look' of the room.



Traditional

Mid-Century Modern

Here is another gorgeous tile backsplash we installed in a laundry room. It has a nice texture and looks amazing. It just goes to show, no matter how small the area, the right tile can make a big statement!



Both are "afters" — before was just painted drywall. Really love the black butcher block wood countertop, too!

Speaking of small — don't let a small space intimidate you! Pinterest has tons of ideas for small spaces — here's one we did. The LG Thin Q washer/dryer unit is all one piece and offers full size drums. Dare I say 'oversized' drums? You can wash even king-sized comforters in these things. And for those that are getting a little up there in years, putting the unit on a pedestal helps save your back from bending so far down to reach all the way to the back of the washer to pull out heavy, wet clothes.



Before

SMALL LAUNDRY REMODEL

After

For those that are getting a little up there in years, putting the unit on a pedestal helps save your back from bending so far down. Here's another tiny project with a big transformation! The 'before' is a bit plain jane and very mid-90's.

Replacing the flooring, lighting, vanity, adding a weathered barnwood wainscoting and some pretty wallpaper gives this room both a masculine and a feminine vibe. And so much more inviting! (is that ok for a powder room?)

Wallpaper is making a big comeback! And not just as an accent wall, but entire rooms (and ceilings too!). Personally, I'm glad. I love wallpaper and the new products are so much nicer than the old.



Before

POWDER ROOM

After

Wallpaper is making a big comeback! And not just as an accent wall, but entire rooms (and ceilings too!). In these photos, you will notice we reused the existing vanity (because it was tall enough) and converted it from a double sink to a single, then refaced the doors. The kitchen bar was dropped to be even with the rest of the countertop (but still room for barstools), and all new cabinets, sink, dishwasher, pendant lights and a whole new header to accommodate a widened entry door for the sitting room (not pictured).



Countertops, cabinets, vanities, sinks

Cabinet redesign, reface and replace. We often use existing items wherever we can. If you can dream it, we can make it a reality. It seems we do a lot of bathroom remodels. In this case there was the shower and tub, plus added cabinetry and all the floors. This was purely a case of upgrading from the original build of the condo and it turned out quite nicely!



Before

SHOWER

After

The other side of the same bathroom — the tub, adjacent to the shower. Note how the faucet and handheld have been moved to the other side of the tub but the handles are within easy reach. The new rectangular tub, with its more evenly distributed jets, is a much needed upgrade from the old, original bathtub.

Do you like the decorative stripe? Did you notice in the shower photo that the decorative tile is at the ceiling and here just above the tub?



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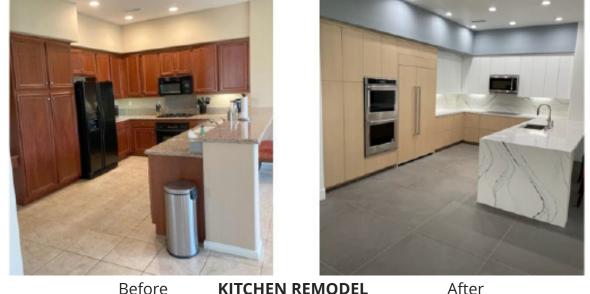
This is another project where I just loved how it turned out. We did the living room, the kitchen and dining room, plus some hallway cabinets and flooring throughout. For me, the most spectacular aspect is the fireplace. Wish we could take full credit for it - we installed the tile, yes, but the client picked it out and told us how to orient it. It is even nicer in person — very rich looking. We took out the divider wall and extended the new custom buffet all the way to the fireplace.



FYI, I say this is "my favorite" about almost every project ... shhh don't tell anybody!

Before LIVING ROOM/FIREPLACE After

Opposite from the fireplace is this Chef's kitchen — it is spacious with plenty of countertop to go around. For this project some of the cabinetry was refaced and other is new. Some of the cabinets are white, the rest brown. The soffit was extended and more uniform LED lighting was installed. Bar top dropped for single height counter and a quartz waterfall edge creates movement in this modern space.



Before

This was a fun project! Refacing cabinets, lowering the old-fashioned counter, adding an extension of the cabinets to create serving/buffet space and lots more storage. Don't you just love that color? Graphite. Black but not quite black. It is stunning in person.





Before

KITCHEN MAKEOVER

After





Before

KITCHEN MAKEOVER — BAR

After



Before KITCHEN MAKEOVER — BAR COUNTER After

Out with the 80's garden tub, in with the 2000's freestanding tub! Along with dropping the bar height countertop to be flush with the rest of the countertop, changing out tubs is our most popular request.

It's still a big bathtub but the freestanding tub is altogether different in the eyes of our clients. The aesthetics are modern, upscale and quite lovely. They also take up far less room than their built-in cohorts. Notice the much larger window? More natural light!

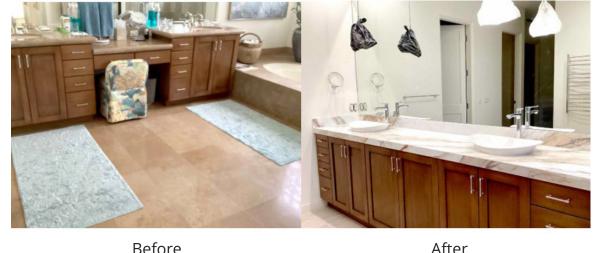


Before

After

In the same Primary ensuite bathroom, the vanity was reconfigured, refaced the added cabinet boxes, changed the countertop, faucets, sinks, and pendant lights (not visible) and the floors. In fact, during this master bath remodel, we replaced all of the tile floors both inside and outside.

The entire project was a stunning tansformation.



After

The proverbial whole house remodel - paint out, floors, cabinets, three bathrooms, kitchen, bedrooms, countertops and tile, everything. The client selected and provided all the finishes. We designed the cabinets, did all the demo and installed all the tile, painted everywhere - there are even new doors and knobs throughout! Oh, and we can't forget the all-new window treatments too! What a difference this remodel made. Where before the house was pretty but a bit tired looking; now it is light, bright and much more modern.





Before

KITCHEN REMODEL

After



Before



After



SHOWER



MAKEUP STORAGE

After

Whole House Interior Design — The real trick to interior design is finding a designer who doesn't try to force you into a design he/she creates for every home. Instead, you want a designer who listens and who learns your taste and how you like to live in a home. In that way, the design becomes personal and the owner feels instantly at home.

If you don't know by now, Executive Errands[®] has a designer on staff. This too was a whole house (and casita) remodel with landscape update and all new pool equipment, three new HVAC systems and everything you see in the photos is new. In fact, the changes are too many to list.



NOOK

After



LIVING ROOM

After



GUEST BEDROOM

After



BEDROOM ORANGE After

For this project, the client selected and purchased the chandeliers, specified the paint colors and the color of the all new Lutron conversion cover plates and our designer did the mood boards, selected or recommended nearly all the furniture, and stocked this home

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DINING ROOM ENTRY After

from linens, to dishes, to artwork. No detail was left to chance. She assisted with window treatments, selected rugs and floral arrangements. If you see it in a photo, you can almost depend on the fact we recommended it, purchased and/or installed it (with client approval of course!). This home is so lovely, homey yet very classy.

What a fun project! It was amazing to see the client's vision come to life through the eyes of our designer.

Reconstruction — After remediating water intrusion, it's time for reconstruction and it is important to blend repairs seamlessly into the surrounding areas. Small patch jobs or large, we can make you forget there was ever a mess in the first place. As one corrective action for a water intrusion event, we have added new gutters, rebuilt patios with the proper slope and added French drains. Finding the cause of the water intrusion is necessary if you hope to prevent it from happening again.



It's easy (but not very imaginary) to put a concrete deck around your pool but have you given any thought to pavers? Richer looking, provides extra drainage and has this added benefit: if you ever need to get under that deck it's infinitely easier to remove and replace some pavers than it is to saw cut and repour concrete (which will always look like a patch).

If you still want that concrete look, consider concrete pavers. Much more stylish and very modern. These large concrete slabs (er pavers!) come in various patterns and colors.





POOL DECKING

After



Before

CONCRETE DECKING

After



If you ever need to get under that deck it's infinitely easier to remove and replace some pavers than it is to saw cut and repour concrete. We get so attached to so many of our clients so when they decide to sell, it can be heartbreaking for us. Thankfully, quite often we stay with the house as the new owners opt to continue our services.

However, you know what happens when a client sells their home to a new family with dogs? A wall is added to keep those puppies from escaping to the street! We had to build this wall in less than two weeks – fortunately the sellers had obtained HOA approval before escrow closed.





Before

LANDSCAPE PERIMETER ALTERATIONS

Before



In Process



After — Finished Wall

We had to build this wall — to keep puppies inside — in less than two weeks!

Maintenance Services

Your home is a huge investment so routine preventative maintenance is key to retaining as much value as possible.

Executive Errands[®] offers a wide array of maintenance services including:

- ➤ Tile cleaning and sealing (every 3-5 yrs)
- ► Pool tile hard water/calcium removal
- ► Roof inspections and repairs or replacement
- ► Pool equipment inspections
- ► Pool heater cleaning
- ► Fireplace inspections and cleaning
- ► HVAC service and repairs (2x year!)
- ► Tankless water heater maintenance
- ► Carpet cleaning and replacement
- > Appliance services checks, filter replacements, general service
- ➤ Garage Door maintenance, lubrication and functional check
- > Replacement or refinish of doors damaged by the heat and sun
- > Sprinkler inspections
- ► Smoke detector and CO detector replacements
- ► Paint inside or out

The list goes on and on.

Following are some 'before' and 'after's' of maintenance projects.

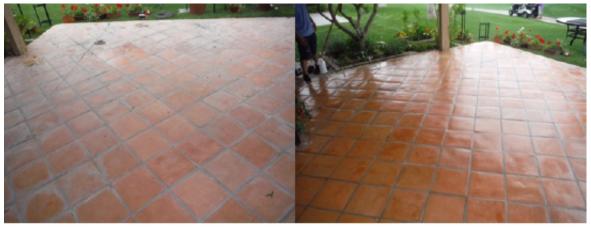
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Oh, don't you just love the pristine look of freshly cleaned and sealed tile? Especially Saltillo tile. So pretty. We can apply any finish you like — matte, semi-gloss or high gloss.

Exterior tile is often neglected — either there is a lot of it and it will be costly to clean or, since the tile worsens in the weather over time, we often don't notice just how bad it really is.

Deferred maintenance for patio tile reduces its serviceable life and could result in cracked grout, cracked or broken tile or even cause the tile to lift.

Just look at how beautiful this is:



Before

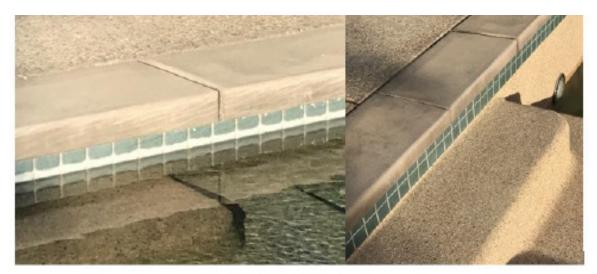
SALTILLO CLEANING

After

Deferred maintenance for patio tile reduces its serviceable life and could result in cracked grout, cracked or broken tile or even cause the tile to lift. One of our earliest maintenance projects — as you can see the hard water deposits built up significantly after many years without attention. We had our doubts going in, but even we were astounded with the results!

We do recommend tile cleaning every 3-5 years depending on how hard the water is at your particular home. Could be as often as every 2 years, believe it or not. (if your water is hard enough to require tile cleaning every two years, be sure to have the water tested yearly — the pool may need to be drained and refilled if the calcium PPM exceeds safe limits).

BUT, we have a solution for pesky calcium too! A pool water treatment system that explodes the hardwater molecules; encouraging them to wash out rather than stick to the tile. And, there is no maintenance. You just bury it in the yard and forget about it! It doesn't 100% prevent scale from forming but it slows it down considerably.



Before POOL TILE HARD WATER REMOVAL After

We do recommend tile cleaning every 3-5 years depending on how hard the water is at your particular home. Never underestimate the breadth of our services — want to keep your home "model perfect" and keep it at its highest resale value? Avoid deferring maintenance — you may save some money in the short term, but untended problems exacerbate and may *not* be fully resolvable later.



Before STAIN (RUST) REMOVAL After

Not all projects are big ones. In this case we needed to repair a wooden coffee table — why throw things out when they can easily be fixed? And I have to say, our furniture guy carries a magic wand, not a paint brush. We've seen him repair drawer fronts ripped off by overzealous renters, the thing in shards, and when he's done, it looks like nothing ever happened. He's so good in fact, he no longer takes on large projects due to scheduling constraints. He only does repairs like this one.

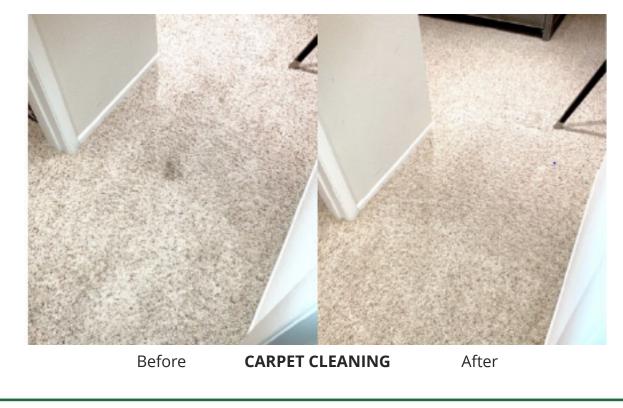


One of the best ways to refresh a room, both in appearance and smell, is to replace the carpet. Carpeting collects all sorts of dust, dust mites, sand, pet dander, sometimes mold, and microscopic 'yuck' that can build up a bad smell over time. Or, you might not even notice the smell, but traffic worn carpeting is still an eyesore. Here is a hint — no matter what carpet you buy, regardless of price, always opt for the highest quality pad you can afford. These days, the nicest ones are made from memory foam — it's like walking on a cloud. A good quality pad can make even inexpensive carpeting feel nice and good padding helps extend the useful life of the carpet.



Before CARPET REPLACEMENT After

And beware anyone using a lot of soap or hot water to clean it. Soap (believe it or not) attracts dirt so if excess soap is used and if not 100% rinsed out, spots will reappear. Proper cleaning of your carpet should leave it only damp — drying within an hour, or worst case two.



So many homes here in the desert have oversized, beautiful custom wood doors. And we live in a place where the heat can exceed 120 degrees F which can cause cracks or warpage. Worse, if a door is facing the wrong way, the sun will literally eat off the varnish and wear at the wood. Even UV protective varnish suffers.

This is another preventative maintenance item. If you keep after the doors and refresh them before they get too bad, the results can be breathtaking, and the doors will last much longer.

This especially applies to teak furniture or any other stained wood furniture you keep outside.



Before

FRONT DOOR REFINISH

After

If a door is facing the wrong way, the sun will literally eat off the varnish and wear at the wood. We hope this portfolio of so many of our projects allows you to see what we see and that you can feel the passion we feel for helping our clients update, upgrade and remodel their properties.

Executive Errands[®] accepts only two (2) to three (3) larger scale projects to start June 1st and to end by November 1st. Smaller or medium scale projects are performed as requested. Small projects we do all the time.

Inside or out, landscape or pool, roof or HVAC, cabinet redesign/reface/replace and interior design — if you can dream it, we can make it a reality. As long as your request is legal and kind that is!

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Do you have a remodeling project in mind?

Contact us today. We'll schedule a property walk and work up a quote!

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About Our Founder

Meet *Leslie Spoor*, the visionary founder behind Executive Errands[®], a premier provider of personalized support and home management services in the Coachella Valley. With a passion for efficiency and a commitment to excellence, Leslie has dedicated her career to helping clients reclaim their time and streamline their lives.

Executive Errands[®] was born from Leslie's deep understanding of the challenges busy professionals face in balancing work, family, and personal responsibilities. Drawing from her own experiences and a keen insight into the needs of



modern lifestyles, Leslie envisioned a service that would not only alleviate the burden of daily tasks but also elevate the quality of life for her clients.

As a seasoned entrepreneur with almost 50 years of experience in production planning, product management, Operations management, and corporate culture, Leslie brings a wealth of expertise to Executive Errands[®]. She understands that every client is unique, and her approach is always tailored to meet individual needs with precision and care.

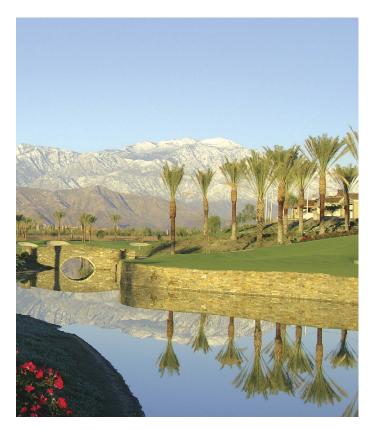
At Executive Errands[®], our goal is simple yet profound: to provide high-quality personal support and home management services that empower our clients to focus on what matters most to them. Whether it's running errands, managing household tasks, or organizing important events, our dedicated team is here to handle the details, so our clients can enjoy more time for the things they love.

With a commitment to professionalism, reliability, and discretion, Executive Errands[®] has earned a reputation for excellence in the industry. Leslie's personal touch and unwavering dedication to client satisfaction set the company apart, making Executive Errands[®] the trusted choice for busy professionals and discerning individuals alike.

Ready to experience the difference Executive Errands[®] can make in your life? Contact us today to learn more about our services and start reclaiming your time with confidence.

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