

# Where Nature and Design Meet



*With a distinctly Southern point of view, Kate Schneider of Ibis Coastal Landscapes creates refined outdoor spaces that feel timeless, resilient, and beautifully at home in the Lowcountry.*

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For Kate Schneider, founder of **Ibis Coastal Landscapes**, landscape design is about more than what you see at first glance. It is about creating outdoor spaces that feel rooted in their surroundings, gardens that honor a home's architecture, reflect the rhythms of nature, and grow more beautiful with time. Her work is distinctly Southern, quietly sophisticated, and shaped by a deep respect for the coastal landscape.

What sets Ibis Coastal Landscapes apart is Kate's rare combination of plant knowledge, environmental understanding, and refined design sensibility. She brings together the practical and the beautiful in a way

that feels seamless, translating ideas into spaces with clarity, purpose, and understated elegance. Her designs often reintroduce native coastal plantings into everyday gardens, then shape each setting with intention so every detail feels balanced, natural, and entirely at home. She also helps clients visualize that transformation through detailed 2D and 3D renderings, offering a clear and compelling preview of how each outdoor space can come to life before installation begins.

Although originally from Wisconsin, Kate has always had a connection with the South. Her father, a southern Virginia native, used to take Kate fishing on the

Chesapeake and taught her to surf off Cape Hatteras as a young girl. Then, on a field trip to Charleston in high school, Kate officially fell in love with the South. She visited an iconic plantation with a driveway lined with majestic live oaks draped in Spanish moss. "I remember it like it was yesterday," she says. "I was a little horse crazy at the time, and there was a pasture next to the drive with horses running along the road, and I immediately fell in love." That moment never left her, and in many ways, her work today reflects that early sense of wonder, creating landscapes that evoke beauty, memory, and a lasting sense of place.

**"I fell in love with live oaks and Spanish moss—and I've been trying to make my way back here ever since."**



Before: 221 Lyman Hall Project



Rendering shown. Approved outdoor living space with installation scheduled to begin in June.

**"The most beautiful landscapes don't just complement a home—they give it a sense of place within its surroundings."**



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Now living here with her two young children and her Rhodesian Ridgeback dog Boudreaux, Kate has built both a life and a business around the outdoors. Whether fishing, boating, going to the beach, riding horses, cooking, traveling, or cheering on her children in their many activities, she brings that same appreciation for lived-in beauty to every project she takes on. As a former securities and M&A lawyer, she also maintains an active law license in Georgia, Texas, New York, and DC and has been recognized by **Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch** for Corporate Law in both 2025 and 2026, reflecting the discipline and professionalism behind her creative work.

Kate believes that too many beautiful homes are paired with landscapes that fail to reflect their character or honor the region's history. Her goal is to create gardens that feel timeless, spaces rich with charm, structure, and harmony with the natural world. A truly exceptional landscape sets the tone from the moment you arrive. It creates a sense of welcome, quiet confidence, and the feeling that everything is exactly where it belongs.

This spring, in one of its projects **Ibis Coastal Landscapes** began design with hardscape install this month, with plantings placed this fall on a home in Long Point, bringing that vision into the

neighborhood with a design that reflects both beauty and intention. While the project is just getting underway, the plans already speak to Kate's signature approach: creating outdoor spaces that do more than enhance a home—they help it feel complete.

To learn more about **Ibis Coastal Landscapes** and explore Kate's work, visit [ibiscoastallandscapes.com](http://ibiscoastallandscapes.com).

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