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It all began on a tennis court, when two mothers met, hit it off, and forged a working relationship that has endured for years. Interior designer Susan Bohlert Smith was watching her then-preteen daughter, Bo Massey. Annice Steinhart was there cheering on her daughter, Fallin, 11 at the time, who was lobbing balls with Bo at a Rosemary Beach Racquet Club tennis clinic in Florida.

Not long after meeting the designer, Annice and her husband, Lance, who reside in the suburbs of Atlanta, were interviewing her about a weekend getaway home they planned to build in Water-Sound, Florida. Southern-bred Bohlert Smith “scored” by combining a neutral palette with oodles of texture to create a stunning retreat with far-reaching views of sand and water for the couple and Fallin, who recently turned 18.

The designer began with construction modifications to existing plans to better accommodate the family’s needs. She was on-site with building contractors from start to finish, which greatly helped the couple, who reside a five-hour drive away.

Annice and Lance wanted the interior spaces of the house, named Legal Ease, to be unique and “not look like any other house.” Predictably, the number one goal was to maximize the views. Neatly posed on Florida’s Gulf Coast, the house is situated next to one of the world’s rare dune lakes (others exist in New Zealand, Australia, and Madagascar).

“The gray color palette and Belgian look has become more fashionable now,” says Bohlert Smith, noting that the house was finished a few years ago. “The reason we used grays and neutrals was to create a quieter interior. The house is about that view and where

