



Best Library/Office (non-CNC)

Legends of the Floor

Rode Bros. (Los Angeles)

This floor is fit for a king—or a duke, as in “The Duke.” The Orange County branch of Rode Bros. Floors worked tirelessly with designers from Los Angeles-based Barry Design Associates to produce this library floor for the renovation of John Wayne’s former residence. The homeowners of the Newport Beach, Calif., mansion desired a focal point to break up the straight-lay flooring of the adjacent rooms, so Rode Bros. went above and beyond with this distinct creation using walnut, wenge, santos mahogany, Brazilian cherry and maple. According to Mark Lehner, who handles West Coast sales, the multiple species gave the floor “a range of colors that fit ... for a distinguishing color movement,” that moves the eye along the floor to take in its detail. The solid glue-down parquet is only the tip of the iceberg in

terms of the amount of wood flooring and the number of intricate designs throughout the home. Although the area is only 200 square feet, the floor took installers more than two years to complete. “That was due to some fine changes and arm wrestling for areas to work in,” Lehner says. But succeeding with such a floor is enough to give Rode Bros. a ride-off-into-the-sunset hero status.—**M.D.**

Abrasive: **3M** ~ Adhesive: **Sika Corporation** ~ Buffer: **Clarke American Sanders** ~ Distributor: Galleher Inc., Pacific Hardwood ~ Filler: **Woodwise/Design Hardwood Products** ~ Finish: Basic Coatings ~ Saws, Router: Bosch, DeWalt, Fein ~ Wood Flooring: **Pacific Hardwood/Engineered Flooring Manufacturers**
