



Boston University–School of Law, Sumner M. Redstone Addition

Boston, MA

The architect's renovation and expansion of Boston University's School of Law campus includes Phase 1, the new 93,000-sq.-ft. Sumner M. Redstone addition, located between the base of the Law Tower and the existing Mugar Library; and Phase 2, the comprehensive renovation of the 265-foot Law Tower and Pappas Law Library (designed in the early 1960s by Spanish modernist architect Josep Lluís Sert).

The project stems from the firm's 2008 Preservation Master Plan of the 50-year-old Sert campus at the heart of Boston University. As is the case with many mid-20th-century modern buildings, the cast-in-place and exposed aggregate precast panels weathered badly, with spalling concrete and failing windows.

In addition to external envelope issues, the tower never worked well for its occupants. The 18 stories were served by six small elevators, with 100-seat classrooms on upper floors. At peak times, it took 20 minutes to go from one class to another.

The Redstone building is a new five-story addition to hold classrooms, training rooms,



a practice court room, café, study and lounge spaces. In the second phase (scheduled to open August 2015), the architect restored the existing tower structure. Concrete and precast panels were repaired and window and metal panels were replaced with modern, energy-efficient assemblies of similar design. The total gut renovation of the interior provides new, updated offices for faculty, administration and student services.



New Construction/Addition

Multi-use/joint-use building/space

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary
Capacity: 825 enrolled
Building Area: 93,000 sq. ft. phase 1 (new addition)
Cost per Student: \$84,848
Square Foot Cost: \$752
Construction Cost: \$70,000,000
Completion Date: August 2014
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level:
LEED Gold Registered

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