



RALEIGH COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER

BECKLEY, WV



SCOPE

70,000 SF
New Construction

COST

\$15.6 million

STATUS

Completed in 2012

The new Raleigh County Judicial Center is located on a tight urban infill sight at the main intersection in the center of uptown Beckley, West Virginia. The intersection marks the convergence of the historic Raleigh County Courthouse, the Robert C. Byrd Federal Courthouse, and the new Raleigh County Judicial Building. The new 70,000 square foot judicial center features three state-of-the-art circuit courtrooms, a future fourth circuit courtroom, two magistrate courtrooms, a third future magistrate courtroom, and two family courtrooms. A secure vehicular sally port is accessed from the lower level located along north side of the building. A central holding component allows for detainees to be safely and securely transported into the facility, and then vertically via secure elevators with direct access to the courtrooms. Additionally, the courts are supported by the Circuit and Magistrate Clerks, with related service, administrative, and records storage space.

The design of the Judicial Center responds to the urban context addressing the intersection with a clock tower/ vertical circulation component on axis with the pedestrian walk and courthouse greenspace. The building edge is directly adjacent to the city sidewalk bordering both significant elevations. The long west elevation features a colonnade relating to a similar feature in the Federal Courthouse and allows sightlines for pedestrians and vehicular traffic to the historic county courthouse to be expanded upon arrival to the city center. The architectural expression takes its cues from both courthouses. The fundamentals of building massing, proportion, rhythm, scale, materials, and fenestration are extracted and integrated to relate to yet establish a new identity for the new facility.

AWARDS:

AIA WV Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture



