

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY US COURTHOUSE

**Location**

Boston, Massachusetts

Size

675,000 sf

Completion

1999

Cost

\$170,000,000

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US Federal Courthouse
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Awards

Presidential Design Awards 2000
US General Services Administration,
Federal Design Achievement Award 2000

As the first major project to be awarded as part of the US Court Design Guidelines, the John Joseph Moakley US Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts, exemplifies GSA's goals for imparting dignity and social significance, while creating modern and innovative justice architecture. With its distinctive glass conoid, the new courthouse, prominently situated on the Boston Harbor, provides abundant natural light and expansive waterfront views.

This innovative and aesthetically pleasing structure served as a catalyst for commercial development in the under utilized areas surrounding it by significantly enhancing the civic fabric of the community. Its efficient design accommodates 29 district and six magistrate courts, as well as two courtrooms serving as First Circuit Court of Appeals.

As the court design consultant and programmer, our firm worked closely with the AOUSC, GSA, and judiciary to define programmatic needs, spatial adjacencies, and functional and operational requirements within the new courthouse. We guided the architect of record and the designer, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, throughout the design process to ensure that the final product reflected the previously established guidelines.

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