



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN COURTHOUSE DESIGN

WHAT COURT LEADERS NEED TO KNOW AND DO IN PLANNING, DESIGNING, BUILDING AND MODIFYING TRIAL COURT FACILITIES

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Hosted by the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts (NCMC), the Eighth Judicial District of Nevada in Clark County (Las Vegas), and the Nevada Supreme Court, this two-day seminar for trial court leaders on February 19 and 20, immediately precedes the NCMC Annual Conference, February 21 and 22. Courthouses are the focal points of our justice system and one of the most visible and enduring symbols of the rule of law, yet many are in deplorable condition and need to be rehabilitated or replaced. This seminar focuses on the role and responsibility of trial court leaders in modernizing current court facilities and spearheading new courthouse design and construction. As such, the principal faculty will be presiding judges and court administrators who have run the gauntlet in renewing old facilities and building new ones together with National Center experts in space planning and design who have helped courts and architects create flexible structures that accommodate changing caseloads, customer access, staffing, technology, recordkeeping, security and adjudication processes over the life of the courthouse. Start up issues such as establishing a sense of urgency, creating a project team, establishing a vision, completing a needs and requirements study, establishing space standards, and collaborating with local and state funding bodies will be explored. Contemporary courthouse space concepts will be examined including, collegial chambers and shared courtrooms, prisoner holding and transport, satellite and regional facilities, video and wireless proceedings, special needs for jurors, witnesses and victims, selling space and design concepts to judicial officers, and high tech courtrooms. And, facility construction, initial building occupancy, and vacated space issues will be discussed targeting such concerns as change orders, construction management problems, transitioning to new space, and retrofitting vacated space.

There are a number of unique features about this educational experience. The National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, a gathering point for presiding judges and court administrators for fifty years, allows ICM to draw on a deep, diverse array of faculty experience and knowledge. Seminar content will also flow from the substantial expertise of the National Center, most notably Chang-Ming Yeh, an architect, space planner and long-time National Center staff expert in courthouse design and construction. Center publications such as *The Courthouse: A Planning and Design Guide for Court Facilities* and *A Court Managers Guide to Court Facility Financing* have been used in the development of this seminar. Also, participants will have an opportunity to tour the newly built Clark County Regional Justice Center, home to both general and limited jurisdiction courts in Las Vegas, and a satellite facility for the Nevada Supreme Court.

Local hosts, Chief Judge Kathy A. Hardcastle, Eighth Judicial District of Nevada and President of the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, and Chuck Short, Courts Administrator, Eighth Judicial District of Nevada will be part of the faculty. The seminar will be held in the Supreme Court Courtroom on the top floor of the Regional Justice Center two blocks from the Conference hotel, the Golden Nugget. The workshop is limited to 40 court-affiliated participants, and requires a \$495 registration fee per person which covers materials, continental breakfast, refreshments, and lunches; evening meals are not included. Private architects, space planners and construction companies are welcome to attend the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts' receptions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and various social events by paying a special sponsorship fee to the National Conference, but are excluded from seminar attendance unless specifically invited by ICM officials as part of the educational program.