



HAMILTON
HOUSTON
LOWNIE

CITY HALL COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS RESTORATION

Buffalo, New York

HHL designed this restoration, which is located on the 13th floor of the historic, Art Deco, Buffalo City Hall building, built in 1929. The deterioration included a broken leaking skylight, cracked Guastavino masonry, an archaic sound system which obscured original stone carving, crumbling plaster, peeling paint, laminate covered original inlaid paneling and millwork, scarred flooring, a broken art glass skylight and broken glass in original light fixtures.

Restoration included; the inner sunburst decorative glass ceiling; plaster ceiling and grillwork; the hand painted Guastavino ceiling; historic light fixtures and introduction of a concealed sound system; the "Acoustolith" wall system and decorative gold leaf; stone work and prom-

enade cork flooring; New cork flooring on the stairs and arena level matching original; wood spectator seating, and carved walnut entrances; inlaid woodwork at dais, desks and arena wall, and a new insulated glass outer skylight.

Project Cost: \$516,000

Completion: 1998-2002

Client: City of Buffalo

Reference: Paul Gareis, PE

Telephone: (716) 851-5851

Awards: 2003-NYS Preservation League
2002-AIA Buffalo/WNY