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**DC COURTS COMPLETE RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC JUVENILE COURTHOUSE  
-- Renovated building to house the Courts' Information Technology and Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Divisions--**

WASHINGTON, DC – Following a two-year restoration, the Historic Juvenile Courthouse at 410 E Street, NW has been reopened as the new home for the District of Columbia Courts' Information Technology (IT), and Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Divisions. The restoration of the former juvenile courthouse provides a much-needed state-of-the art facility for the central IT function for the DC Courts as well as an enhanced environment for mediation services.

The project is the most recent in a series of courthouse renovations on Judiciary Square completed as part of the DC Courts' *Judiciary Square Master Plan* and approved by the National Capital Planning Commission in 2005. The new facility is prominently sited adjacent to the Historic DC Courthouse, the first building on Judiciary Square to undergo a major restoration and expansion, completed in 2009, and now home to the DC Court of Appeals.

The approved design included restoration of the historic limestone-and-granite exterior, including the original windows, as well as rehabilitation of the interior spaces. The main courtroom was renovated and modernized with state-of-the art communication technologies to serve as a central training space for the courts. The historic judges' chambers were restored for use as mediation rooms for the Superior Court's Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division. The Information Technology Division houses a new state-of-the art data center which now functions as the central IT hub for the DC Courts.

The 410 E Street building operates as the pilot project for electronic messaging for the DC Courts campus. Three kiosks and four LED monitors have been installed in public areas of the building. These kiosks and monitors display information about the court campus, buildings, and surrounding areas to assist visitors with way-finding and provide meeting and hearing schedules.

With this restoration and that of the Historic Courthouse along with surrounding green space, Judiciary Square has now been re-greened and revitalized through the return of architectural and sculptural elements to its original use. The next step is the completion of the park area directly to the east of 410 E Street which will begin later this year.

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