



First National Great Banking Hall

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Originally known as the First National Bank Building upon its debut in 1931, the First National Center lies in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City. Resembling the Empire State Building, it employs a neoclassical style featuring polished aluminum, granite, glass, and several varieties of marble. The dazzling building caught the eye of [Jeff Greene](#) in 1985, when it was tragically left to decay. Since then, he has been pitching for its restoration. Finally, after almost thirty years of neglect, Gary Brooks and Charlie Nicholas purchased the building and hired EverGreene to curb its deterioration and restore it to its original glory.

EverGreene performed aqueous cleaning of stone columns, walls, and stair surrounds and treated stained areas with a poultice of cellulose material and filtered water. Dry, aqueous, and solvent cleaning methods will be used where appropriate on aluminum, steel, bronze, and brass elements such as handrails, grilles, doors, door surrounds, teller cages, mail chutes, Juliet balconies, mezzanine fascias, stair rails, drinking fountains, vault cages, and other decorative features. Then, we restored degraded and lost patina finishes on aluminum and steel features as needed, and applied a protective layer of matte lacquer finish.

The decoratively painted ceilings underwent both dry and surface cleaning, as well as paint consolidation, substrate repair, the application of isolation varnish, inpainting, the application of unifying varnish, and replication. Additionally, the four murals created by Chicago artist, Edgar Spier Cameron, in the Great Hall were cleaned and restored. ...

MORE INFORMATION:

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SERVICES PERFORMED

Conservation Treatments
Decorative Painting & Finishes
Historic Finishes Investigation
Murals & Mosaics

PROJECT DETAILS

Original Architect

Weary & Alford Company

Original Muralist

Edgar Spier Cameron

General Contractor

N.E. Construction, LLP

Architect

ADG Blatt Architects

Hospitality Designer

Flick Mars

