



UNT Law School Building

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, DALLAS, TX

EverGreene restored the original ornamental plaster ceilings and decorative finishes in the Old Dallas City Hall as a part of its adaptive reuse as the future College of Law Building for the University of North Texas-Dallas (UNT.) Our conservators performed a historic finishes investigation to determine any historic schemes and paint colors. Our restoration team took that information and proceeded to restore the historic plaster and finishes. Any damaged plaster was repaired or replicated as needed. The historic finishes were painted, stenciled, glazed, and gilded where applicable.

The conservators also worked to conserve and restore the remnants of a 1933 WPA mural, the majority of which was removed or damaged when a door was previously added in its place. The mural was significantly deteriorated; it required all flaking paint to be re-adhered to the substrate with a layer of varnish applied to protect it from the plaster fill that was introduced around it. It is the only remaining fragment out of a series of WPA murals by Jerry Bywaters and Alexandre Hogue that describes the history of Dallas.

The Building's History

The Old Dallas City Hall, designed by C.D. Hill, was completed in 1914. The Beaux Arts building was constructed as the fourth City Hall in the city's history and housed municipal courtrooms, the police department, city council chambers, offices of the mayor, jail, and all other municipal offices, in addition to a municipal auditorium. Changes were made to the building in 1924, 1933 (when 10 murals depicting the founding and development of Dallas were installed), 1940, and 1944....

MORE INFORMATION:

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SERVICES PERFORMED

- Conservation Treatments
- Decorative Painting & Finishes
- Gilding
- Historic Finishes Investigation
- Microscopy & Material ID
- Murals & Mosaics
- Plasterwork

PROJECT DETAILS

Client

University of North Texas at Dallas Law School

General Contracto

Turner Construction Company



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