

THE COURT SQUARE PRESS BUILDING - PHASE I

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

- OWNER

Pappas Industrial Parks, Inc.

- ARCHITECT

John Cunningham Architects, Inc.

- INTERIOR PUBLIC SPACE ARCHITECT

Office dA

- CONSTRUCTION COST

\$53,000,000

- GENERAL CONTRACTOR

A.J. Martini



Rendering by Terry Cracknell

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of an extensive structural conversion of an existing, historic 6-story 210,000 square foot commercial/ industrial facility into luxury loft condominiums. The original building is of brick-and-beam construction.

To achieve a more level floor, provide sound deadening and tie exterior masonry walls to the floor and roof diaphragm, reinforced concrete slabs were cast on the existing wood subflooring. Bolted steel plates and channels were used to strengthen existing cracked/split wood girders and beams.

The open end of the existing c-shaped structure was enclosed by a new 6-story steel, concrete and glass structure. Steel concentrically braced frames were provided to resist seismic and wind loads. The existing and new buildings were separated by an expansion joint up to ten inches wide.

DM Berg worked with the Owner, Contractor and award-winning architectural firm, Office dA, to design a serpentine steel rail and wood bench system for the two-level public lobby. The lobby contains a continuous serpentine steel rail, bench support, and desk support system interfaced with wood boxes and benches designed and detailed to interface with a three dimensional terrazzo finish system.



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