



Dover District Courthouse New Construction

This State of New Hampshire project involved the construction of a new 22,000-square-foot courthouse on the same site as Dover’s original facility. Many economies-of-scale have been realized due to improvements in layout, larger courtroom size, and to an additional courtroom that is dedicated to handling juvenile cases.

“The new building will facilitate great increases in efficiency and productivity,” **Joanne Sullivan**, Dover Clerk of Courts said. “Having three courtrooms will add speed to the process, and the fact that we’ve consolidated the Dover and Somersworth courts into one building will reduce the cost to taxpayers as well.”

Though a tight squeeze for the existing acreage, the new courthouse provides added parking, complete handicap access, an elevator, significantly improved security, and smart wiring that will facilitate the best use of present and future technology. Located on St. Thomas Street in Dover, NH, the new facility also includes Judges Chambers, holding cells, attorney’s conference rooms as well as administrative and clerks’ workspace. All three floors are also connected with a public elevator and a dumbwaiter for transporting documents and evidence from floor to floor.

