



Owner:
University of Denver
Architect: H + L Architect

Our Services:
• Energy Efficiency Engineering

Status:
LEED® Gold Certified
Completed 2004

University of Denver's Frank H. Ricketson Jr. Law Building

The greenest law building in the nation
Denver, Colorado



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The University of Denver Frank H. Ricketson Jr. Law Building, 191,000 square feet of classroom space on four stories, was designed using the University's signature blend of red brick, limestone, and copper. Although the appearance is traditional, the inside space is outfitted with the latest in teaching technology and the building itself is the first law school in the United States to receive LEED certification.

The building design team included faculty from this nationally-ranked law school, who hope that DU's example will inspire similar projects on other campuses. Certainly, the University of Denver is not taking a rest from green building, but is applying lessons learned from the Ricketson Law Building to other campus projects as it expands its commitment to sustainable construction.

LEED® Project Facts

Gross Floor Area: 210000 (sq.ft.)
Energy Density: 222 (kWh/sq.ft.)

Category	% Performance
Water Savings	
Irrigation	70 %
Indoor Use	39 %
Energy Savings	
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Waste Diversion	50 %
Recycled Content	17 %
Regional Content	20 %

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Notable Features

- stormwater management plan reduces pollution of local waterways
- night-sky friendly exterior lighting
- low-flow plumbing fixtures, including waterless urinals
- 50% of electricity from renewables
- lighting designed for 1.0 W/sf
- lighting controlled by occupancy and daylighting sensors
- lighting energy 30% less than building code
- 20% of materials from regional sources: gypsum board, precast concrete, masonry, copper roofing
- CO₂ demand-controlled ventilation
- low off-gassing paint and carpet



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Indoor Water Savings