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Dundalk Courthouse



The refurbishment of Dundalk Courthouse.

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The project to remodel and refurbish Dundalk Courthouse commenced in early 1998 and has reached conclusion in early 2003. The original courthouse building, designed by Edward Park and supervised by John Bowden, was constructed between 1813 and 1818, is one of the most important examples of Greek revival architecture in the country. The building was subsequently extended and modified in a number of different stages through the last two centuries but thankfully the original courthouse structure survived relatively intact.

The design approach taken for the project was to refurbish the existing original courthouse building to its former grandeur and to provide all additional accommodation in a new building fronting onto Crowe Street. The new accommodation is arranged around a two storey atrium which acts as both a link between old and new and a universally accessible entrance from Crowe Street. The new atrium brings daylight and natural ventilation into the heart of the building and also provides access and orientation to all public areas.

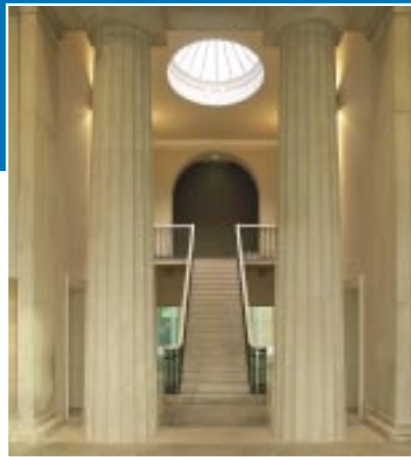
The original building contained two courts, the red and green Courtrooms accessed through a commanding Portland stone portico facing Market Square. The new development called for a total of four courtrooms with all attendant facilities. The schedule of requirements was substantial and based on Courts Service needs following extensive consultation with all court users. It called for the full upgrading of the building to provide state of the art facilities for court staff in their own offices and in the public office function for Circuit and District court, family law facilities, extended consultation facilities, new judges chambers, secure holding cell accommodation for prisoners with separate access, jury rooms and accommodation for the legal profession.

The refurbishment of the original courthouse building incorporates entirely new building services installations with new data, fire and security facilities and heating and ventilation systems. These were all incorporated into the building fabric without diminishing the existing character of the courthouse. Where possible, all existing building elements from walls and windows to doors, skirtings and fittings were retained in the refurbishment but new interventions were deliberately modern in character to contrast with the original fabric.

The work which has been undertaken will ensure that the building can continue to function as a courthouse for many decades to come.

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