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**Owner:**  
Onondaga County,  
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\$6.5m

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Onondaga County Courthouse

On the National Register of Historic Places, the Courthouse was built in 1907 in Beaux Arts Style and was in desperate need of restoration.

Working with Klepper, Hahn & Hyatt, P.C., Bell & Spina's task was to produce construction documents for the replacement of the built-up roof system, localized copper detailing and repair of the masonry elevator towers. Other roles assumed by Bell & Spina were asbestos abatement design, and front end contractual document preparation.

Design took a year, as field work and research was conducted. The existing built-up roof was badly deteriorated with leaks occurring in the attic. Improvements to the envelope made by other members of the project included:

- Art glass throughout the building and in the dome was cleaned and broken panels replaced.
- Historic wood windows and doors were restored and/or repaired.
- Limestone and granite walls were cleaned, repointed and/or repaired.
- Replacement of two clay tile domes.
- The building's copper domes and decorative pieces were replicated.
- Weather stripping and hardware of previous replacement windows were rehabilitated.

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**COURTHOUSE**  
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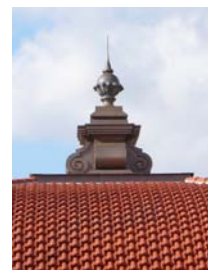


Under Construction

***As part of a team, Bell & Spina helped to ensure that the building maintained its functions without disturbance during the construction and repairs, and that the Courthouse, a landmark in Syracuse, maintains its historic integrity.***



Art Glass



New Clay Tile Roof