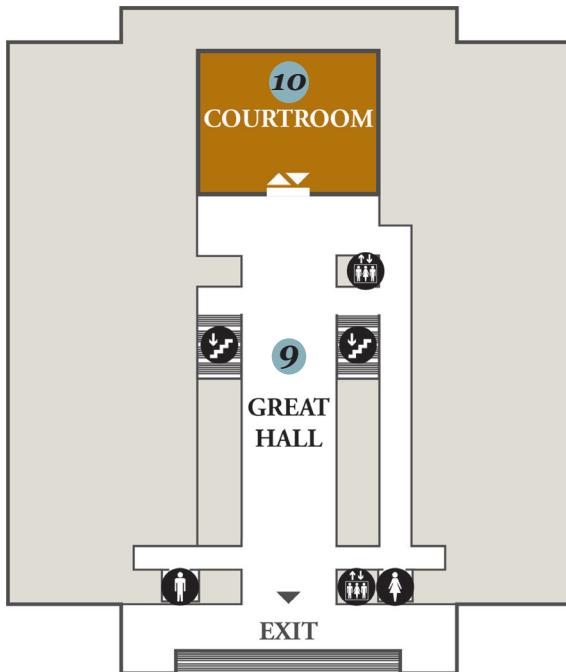


# Supreme Court Building Highlights

## GROUND FLOOR



## FIRST FLOOR



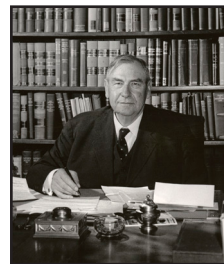
## Exhibit Highlights

### 1 Revolutionary Arguments: The Legal Fight for Independence



Examine how lawyers, statesmen, and soldiers—some of whom would later become Justices of the Supreme Court—fought tirelessly to bring about a new government.

### 2 Harlan Fiske Stone: A Man for All Seats



Explore the tenure of the only Justice to sit in every seat on the Bench. Stone served as an Associate Justice from 1925 to 1941 and as Chief Justice from 1941 to 1946.

### 3 Integration Must Proceed Forthwith

Learn about the school desegregation case *Aaron v. Cooper* through featured objects and a film in which the Justices discuss the case's impact.



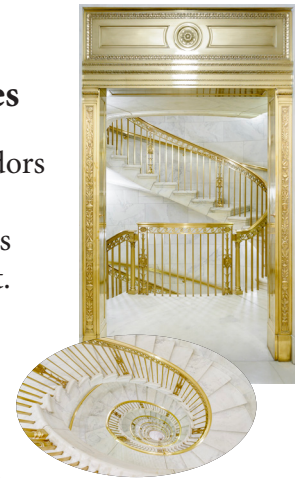
### 1 John Marshall Statue



Sculpted by William Wetmore Story, this ground floor landmark pays tribute to the nation's longest serving Chief Justice, who served for 34 years from 1801 to 1835.

### 2 Spiral Staircases

Tucked in the side corridors on the ground floor are two architectural marvels designed by Cass Gilbert. Each self-supporting staircase has 136 steps and seven spirals.



### 3 Building Model



The John Donnelly Company created the original plaster model for the Supreme Court Building in 1929.

#### 4 Portraits of Notable “Firsts”

Among the many portraits of past Justices displayed on the ground floor are



those of **Louis D. Brandeis**, the first Jewish Justice; **Thurgood Marshall**, the first African American Justice; and **Sandra Day O’Connor**, the first woman Justice.



*Note: By tradition, only portraits of Justices who have retired or are no longer serving are displayed in the building.*

#### 5 John Marshall’s Bench Chair

Mahogany bench chair used by Chief Justice John Marshall from 1819 to 1835. Since 1972, the chair has been part of the investiture ceremonies for new Justices. Prior to taking the Judicial Oath, the new Justice sits in the Marshall chair in the Courtroom.



#### 6 The Warren Court Sculpture



Sculptor Phillip Ratner created bust-size portraits of the sitting Justices of the 1963 Warren Court. The Justices from left to right are: Byron R. White, William J. Brennan, Jr., Tom C. Clark, Hugo L. Black, Chief Justice Earl Warren, William O. Douglas, John M. Harlan, Potter Stewart, and Arthur J. Goldberg. The sculpture is located outside the Café entrance.

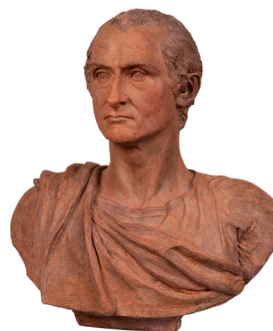
#### 7 Original Models for the Courtroom Friezes



Sculptor Adolph Weinman’s original plaster studio models for the four Courtroom frieze panels are displayed in a ground floor exhibit. *Pictured: The West Frieze.*

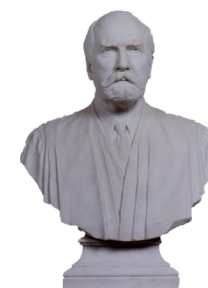
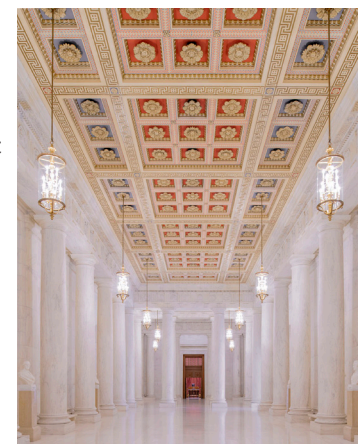
#### 8 John Jay Bust

This terracotta bust of Chief Justice John Jay, sculpted from life by Giuseppe Ceracchi in 1792, is the oldest bust in the Court’s collection.



#### 9 The Great Hall

Located on the first floor, the Great Hall is a grand and majestic space. Busts of all 16 former Chief Justices line the sides of the hall.



Charles Evans Hughes (*left*) was the first Chief Justice to preside over Court sittings in this building.

#### 10 The Courtroom



Located on the first floor, the Courtroom is the heart of the building and where the Justices meet as a body to hear oral arguments and announce decisions. It is the only courtroom in the building.