

GROUND FLOOR



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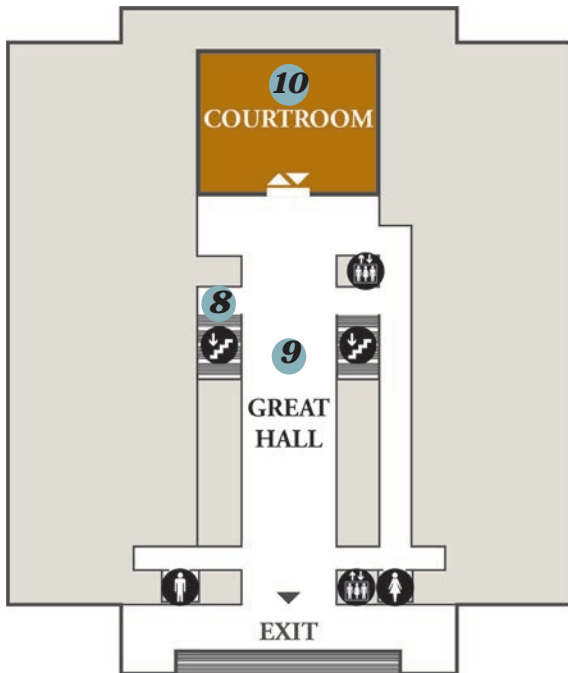


Exhibit Highlights

1 Legal Justice League



In honor of International Women's Day in 2015, Maia Weinstock created a custom LEGO® set featuring (from left to right) Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Elena Kagan.

2 Justice White's Warm-Up Jacket



Byron R. White wore this University of Colorado basketball warm-up jacket during a 1938 tournament.

3 The First Group Court Photo



In 1867, the Justices posed for a group portrait for the first time — the beginning of one of the Court's enduring traditions.

4 Cornelia Adèle Fassett

View the work of one of the first female portrait artists of the 19th century to portray American presidents, politicians, and Supreme Court Justices.



Supreme Court Building Highlights

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 entrance to the cafeteria.

7 Original Models for the Courtroom Friezes



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

8 Joseph Story Bust

William Wetmore Story sculpted this marble bust of his father, Associate Justice Joseph Story. Justice Story, who served from 1812 to 1845, made many important contributions to American Constitutional Law.



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.