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Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting at Capital Judicial Center—September 18, 2015, 2:30 p.m.

For Immediate Release. Augusta, Maine, September 11, 2015. State Court Administrator, James T. Glessner, announced today that the ribbon cutting and official opening of the new Augusta courthouse will be held on Friday, September 18, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., at the public entrance to the courthouse. Governor Paul R. LePage, Chief Justice Leigh I. Saufley and Associate Justice Joseph Jabar are expected to speak. An open house reception and court tours will follow the ribbon cutting. All events are open to the public and the media.

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court also will preside at the Capital Judicial Center next week and will hear appeals in 18 scheduled cases over three days, beginning on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Prior to the oral arguments, the Supreme Judicial Court will hold a brief opening commemoration ceremony beginning at 9:30 on Wednesday, September 16th in the courtroom. A schedule and list of cases and case summaries that will be heard in Augusta next week (and a link to the audio streaming) can be found at: http://www.courts.maine.gov/maine_courts/supreme/oral_arguments.shtml The Supreme Judicial Court last heard cases in Augusta in 1987. With the new facility and the additional courtroom space the Supreme Judicial Court will be able to hold sessions in Augusta every year.

The new building, called the Capital Judicial Center, with 6 courtrooms, consolidated court facilities from four locations in Augusta under one roof: the Kennebec County Superior Court, the Augusta District Court, the Family Court, and court administrative offices including the judicial marshals, court operations, and the information technology staff. The building houses approximately 85 court personnel, who have been working in the building since March 2015.

The Kennebec County Courthouse had been in continuous use since 1830. The courthouse project included renovations to the courtroom in the old courthouse, for a total of 7 courtrooms in the entire project. Those renovations maintained the historic integrity of the ‘old’ courtroom, while modernizing the courtroom with state of the art AV systems frequently used in modern courtrooms today.

The building is located at 1 Court St., Augusta, adjacent to the ‘old’ Kennebec County Courthouse. The mailing address is 1 Court St., Suite 101, Augusta, Maine. The Clerk’s office can be reached by telephone at 213-2800, and the Administrative Office of the Courts general telephone line is: 213-2850. Other telephone numbers can be found at: http://www.courts.maine.gov/maine_courts/admin/directory.shtml

The new courthouse has been operational since March; however, renovations to the Kennebec County Courthouse and additional parking were substantially completed on September 4, 2015.

Any media requests for interviews, tours, or indoor photos/video should be made, in advance, to Mary Ann Lynch: mary.ann.lynch@courts.maine.gov.

Video requests of the oral arguments should be addressed, in advance, to lawclerk.court@courts.maine.gov

The project facts are listed below:

Capital Judicial Center Facts

1. Lot size: 103,774 SF (2.38 acres), including parking.

2. Building areas:

Lower Level	24,330	GSF (outside dimensions)
First Floor	27,475	
Second Floor	26,484	
Third Floor	25,345	
<u>Fourth Floor</u>	<u>19,674</u>	
	123,308	GSF

3. Building structure:

- a. Steel “H” piles: 282 piles driven into bedrock or dense glacial till an average depth of 45 feet totaling 12,713 linear feet of piles.
- b. Reinforced concrete pile caps, grade beams, foundation walls, and floor slabs: Over 5,400 CY of concrete, or 540 concrete trucks @ 10 CY each.
- c. Structural steel: Over 630 Tons.
- d. Roofing: White EPDM membrane.
- e. Exterior walls: brick, precast concrete, zinc siding, Petrarch composite panels, insulated aluminum curtain wall and windows, all on steel stud framing.

4. Energy efficient: The project has been submitted to the US Green Building Council for LEED Certification with a goal of Silver Certificate.

- a. High efficiency gas fired boilers.
- b. Radiant heating in the first floor over the open parking level.
- c. Air conditioning with CO² monitoring and occupancy sensors.
- d. High efficiency lighting.
- e. Natural lighting in all courtrooms and lobbies; south facing entrance.

5. Building is wired for public wireless access to Internet.

6. The building is designed for state-of-the-art courtroom AV systems including video arraignments.

- a. Media access of high profile cases provided in building.

- b. Video conferencing in 7 courtrooms, mediation suite, multi-purpose rooms, and numerous staff conference rooms.
- 7. 7 courtrooms: 1 arraignment, 3 jury courtrooms, and 3 non-jury courtrooms, including the historic courtroom in the existing Kennebec County Courthouse.
- 8. Multi-purpose room: Large multi-purpose room used for meetings, training, and jury assembly.
- 9. Project cost: \$58 M.
- 10. Schedule:
 - a. Start of construction: August, 2012
 - b. Open to the public: March 2, 2015.
 - c. Parking and Renovations to the “old” Kennebec County Courthouse – Sept. 2015.
- 11. Architect: PDT Architects, Portland
 - a. Civil Engineering: Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers
 - b. Landscape Architecture: Terrence J. DeWan and Associates
 - c. Structural Engineering: Becker Structural Engineers
 - d. Mechanical and Electrical Engineering: Allied Engineering
 - e. Technology: Communications Design Associates
- 12. Construction Manager: Consigli Construction Company
- 13. Owner’s Project Manager: Phil Johnston

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