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Honorable Norman St. George, J.S.C
First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge
New York State Unified Court System

Dear Judge St. George,

I am writing to provide you with an amendment to the Court Facilities Capital Plan for Niagara County, as required by the Court Facilities Act of 1987.

175 Hawley Street, Lockport – Niagara County Courts:

To address insufficient space for the Unified Court System (UCS) listed above, the County offered additional office space on the basement floor of 175 Hawley Street, Lockport. The County owns this shared space building with UCS occupying approximately 61% of the building and the County and/or other tenants occupying approximately 39% of the building.

We have seen recent changes on the ground floor. UCS currently occupies 12,932 sq. ft. of space on the ground floor of the building. The County has offered an additional 1,456 sq. ft. of space on the ground floor, previously occupied by the Niagara County Clerk (see attached floor plan). This space became available beginning in May 2019. This results in a UCS total occupied space of 14,388 sq. ft. on the ground floor. This additional square footage will provide UCS with office space for magistrate chamber, courtroom, clerk space, and file storage as requested by UCS.

UCS currently reimburses Niagara County for a total of 43,857 sq. ft. in the building. This amount includes the increases in the ground floor use indicated above and is summarized by floor on the attached Table. There is a minor fluctuation in total square footage annually due to the allocation of square footage based upon the number of court filings by the County Clerk's Office.

Modifications to the ground floor space have been considered tenant work. The County coordinated with our UCS 8th Judicial District Representatives, Tasha Moore, Ana Brignoni-Waliczek, and Chris Burns, to develop a renovation plan and cost estimate as follows: \$734,000.

Compliance with Applicable Laws:

The design will comply with applicable:

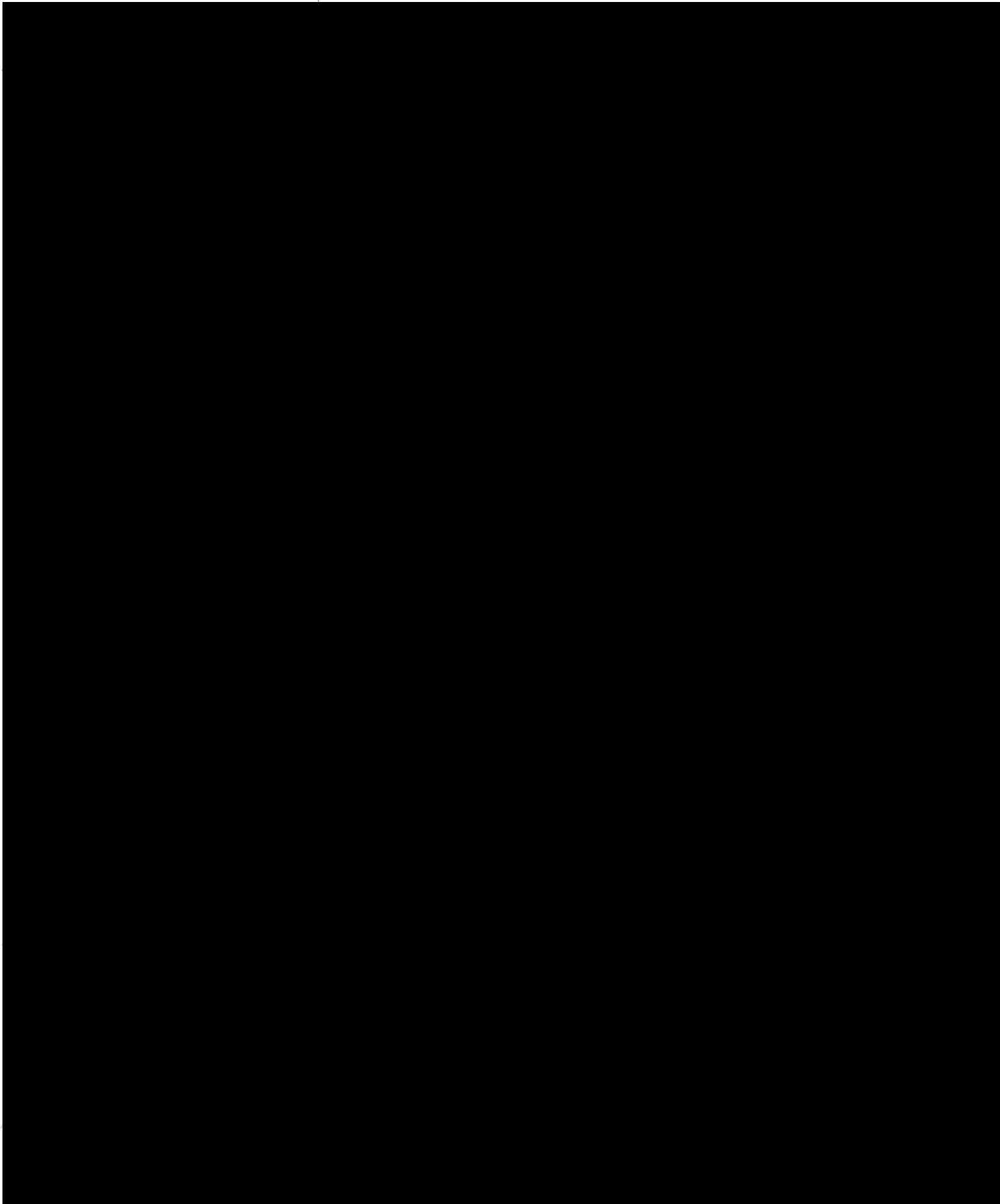
- Building codes,
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements,
- Environmental laws, regulations, and ordinances,
- Court Facility Guidelines (22 NYCRR Part 34),
- UCS and local law enforcement security requirements, and
- Office of Court Administration's technology requirements.

Please advise if this amendment is acceptable to the New York State Unified Court System.

Sincerely,



Garret A. Meal
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Court House, 175 Hawley Street, Lockport NY

Space Allocation For Courts

Basement:

Surrogate Court	8,864
County Court	2,701
Family Court	2,823

1st Floor:

Supreme Court	4,427
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2nd Floor:

County	12,044
Family	6,839

3rd Floor:

COJ	1,343
County Court	4,708

Court Allocation Total: 43,749 **

Entire Building Total: 71,687

Court Percentage: 61.03%

** Total allocation does not include additional County Clerk space which varies annually based upon annual filings.