

AREA: Financial District

MAGI NO.: 0411105711

Address: 227 St. Paul Place
Current Name:

Block: 610	Lot: 19	Lot size: 65 ft. x 100 ft.
Height: 8		Materials: Brick
Condition: Good		Owner: 227 St. Paul Lim. Part.
Use: Commercial		Accessible: Yes, unrestricted
Designation:		Liber/Folio: SEB 418/367



Historic Name: Law Building
Date: c. 1904
Architect/Builder:
Style (if appropriate):

Description:

This brick structure is six bays wide, eight stories high and it has granite and terra cotta trim. This building features numerous significant architectural details such as a large triumphal, round arched entrance embellished with carved fruit, flanked by ribbed Ionic columns, a fanlight window, elaborate keystone consoles, termini and spandrels decorated with fruit. The building also features a wreathed cartouche, a carved human head and floral and scroll details. The two central third story windows are pedimented with end brackets. The upper stories have more floral and shield details and an enormous elaborate cornice with consoles, egg and dart and geometric moldings. The north elevation faces on E. Clay Street and is ten bays wide and without details.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

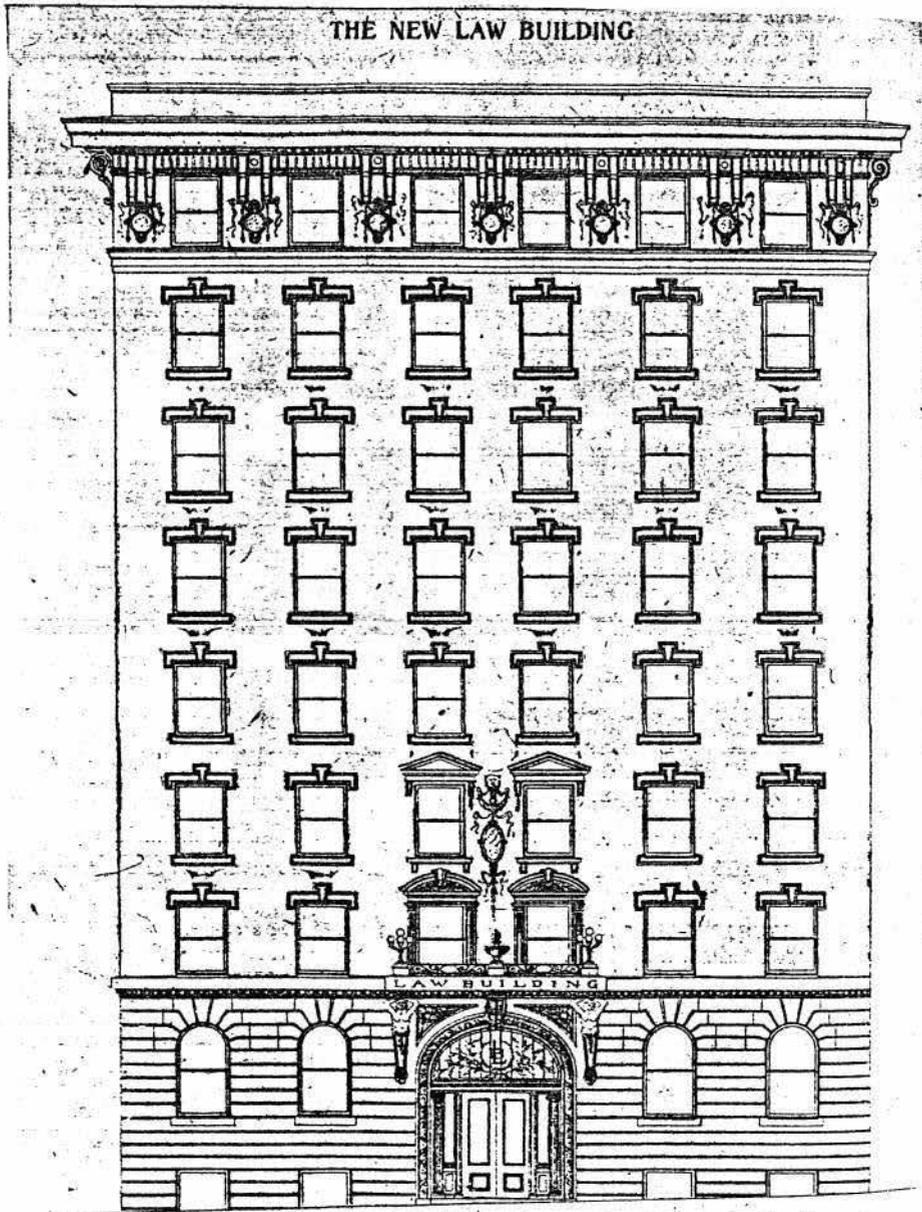
Charles E. Cassell & Son designed the Law Building c. 1904 and it is one of the most distinctive buildings in the Financial District. The building is located on what was once Courtland Street at St. Paul Place and it has several significant architectural features including a large, triumphal round arched entrance embellished with carved fruit, flanked by ribbed Ionic columns, a fanlight window, elaborate keystone consoles, termini and spandrels decorated with carved fruit. In addition, the building features a wreathed cartouche, a carved human head, pedimented windows and an elaborate cornice with consoles, egg and dart and geometric molding. The building is in good condition and presently is occupied by the Baltimore Urban Services Agency.

Sources:

Surveyor and Date: Caroline Hardy, July 1985

BALTIMORE FINANCIAL DISTRICT SURVEY

Address: 227 St. Paul Place



The new Law Building will be erected on the site of the old Hotel Baltimore, on Courtland street, between Lexington and Saratoga streets, by the Law Construction Company. Mr. Robert L. Gill is president and secretary of the new Company, and Mr. William G. Speed is vice-president and treasurer, with offices in the Wallis Building. They were prominently interested in the Law Building which stood at the southwest corner of Lexington and St. Paul streets. This site will be included in the Courthouse plaza. The new building was designed

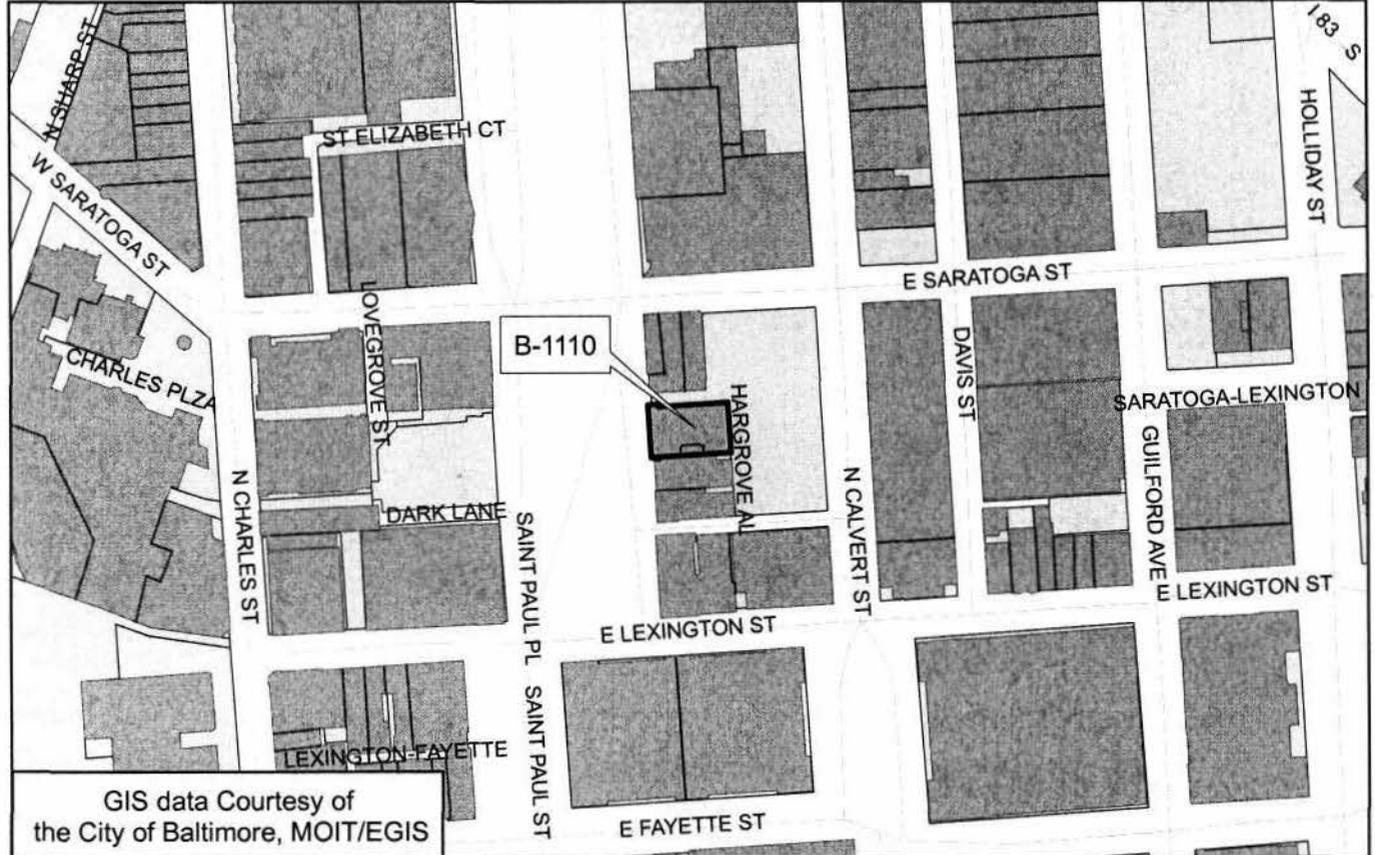
by Architects Charles E. Cassell & Son, Captain Cassell having been the architect for the former structure. It will be erected by Contractors E. H. Frazier & Son.

The building is to be ready for occupancy on May 15, and even at this early date more than half of the 24 offices have been secured by lawyers and real estate men. The lot upon which the structure will stand is 65 by 120 feet. There will be a sub-basement and basement, and there will be eight stories above ground. The building will be con-

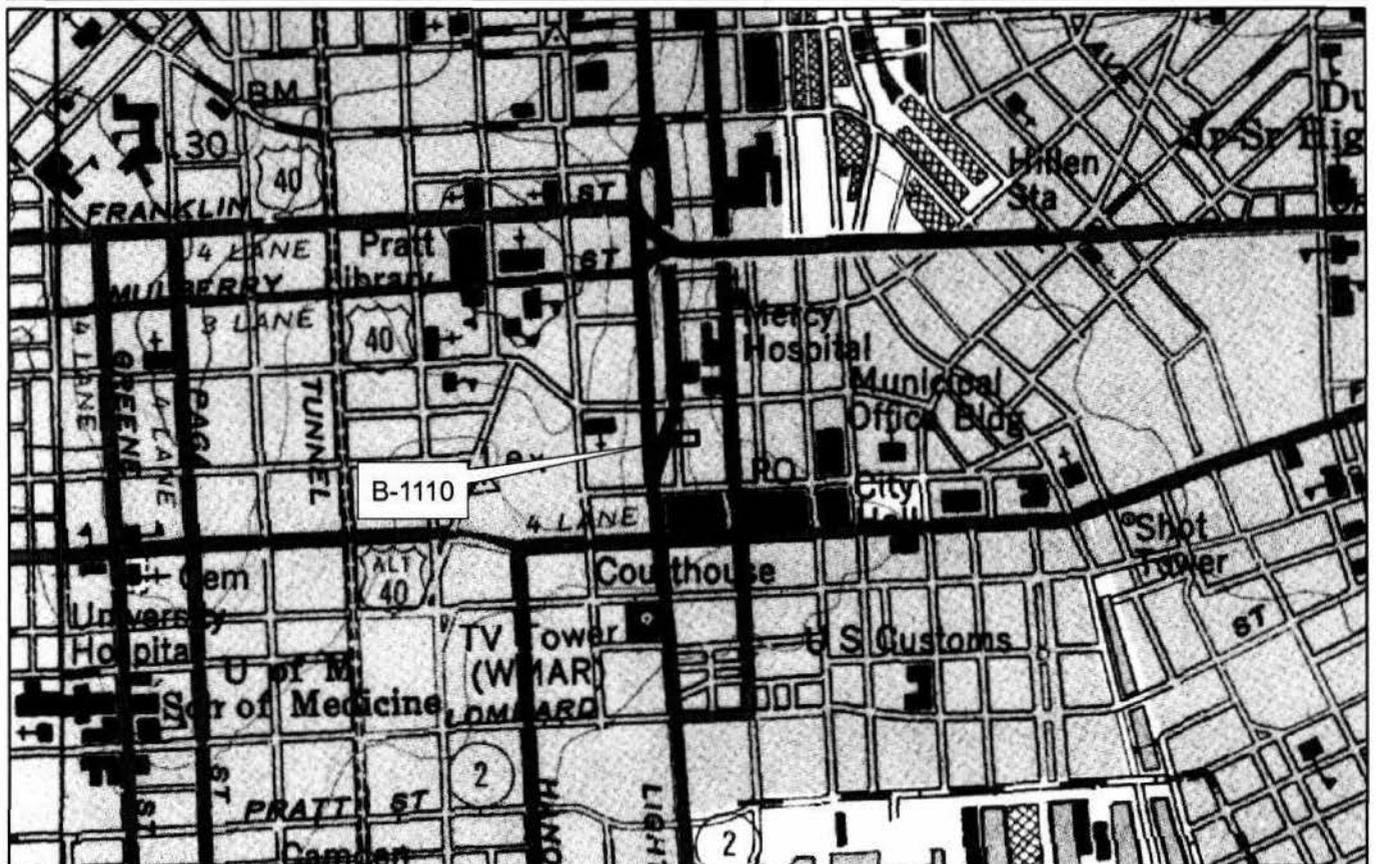
structed so that two additional stories may be added. The construction will be fireproof. There will be a steel skeleton frame, and the floors and other parts of the structure will be reinforced concrete. The walls will be of brick. The front will be faced with iron-spot standard brick, trimmed with terra-cotta and stone. There will be three high-speed elevators. The interior finish will be in hard wood.

This large structure, together with the building of the law firm of Willis, Homer, France & Smith, will add materials to the improvement of Courtland street.

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Law Building (New Amsterdam Casualty Building)
227 St. Paul Place
Block 0610 Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad



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227 St. Paul Place
Financial District-Metrocenter Survey
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Neg.loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
West elevation