

Great Falls Courthouse



Color rendering of the new Great Falls Courthouse.

Following a competitive bidding process by GSA for the construction of a new build-lease courthouse in the Great Falls division, a selection panel comprised of Court and GSA personnel selected an offer by BC Development, Inc., in May of 2007 to construct a 42,000 sq. ft. Courthouse on the banks of the Missouri River. The need for the Courthouse was recognized as part of the Court's 1992 and 2004 Long Range Planning forecasts, and approval was received from the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council and the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States during 2006.

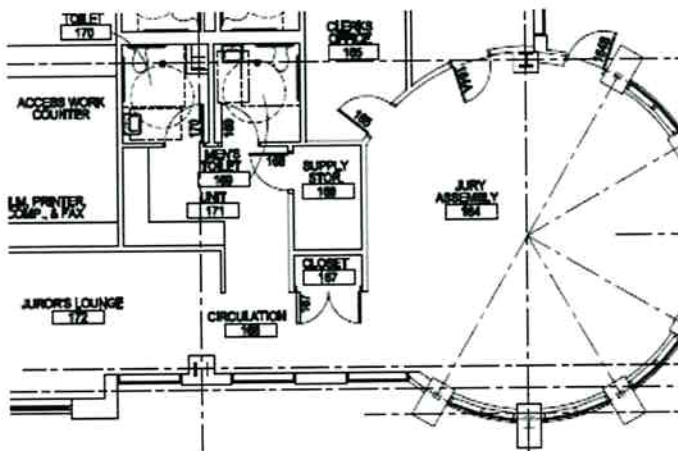


Chief Judge Molloy and Patrick Duffy at the groundbreaking in Great Falls on July 9th, 2007.

Ground for the new Courthouse was officially broken on July 9, 2007, and Chief Judge Molloy recognized and thanked the many individuals whose hard work and dedication for three years resulted in this vision becoming reality. The new Great Falls Courthouse will have two courtrooms, chambers for the division's District and Magistrate Judges, and office and operational space for the Clerk of Court, United State Probation and the United States Marshal.



From left, Judge Holter, Judge Haddon, Judge Molloy, Patrick Duffy & Judge Strong at the groundbreaking on July 9th, 2007.



The design phase of the project is in full swing, and representatives of the Court, developer, lead architect and general contractor are finalizing construction documents. The target date for completion of the project is May 2009, at which time the Court will vacate its offices in the 1912 Post Office/Courthouse and move across the river to its new home.