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## **Finegold Alexander Architects completes 118,000 s/f judicial center**

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Biddeford, ME Boston-based Finegold Alexander Architects completes the York Judicial Center along with governor Mills and many members of the Judicial Branch at the recent ribbon cutting. Finegold Alexander was selected to do the planning and design for the 118,000 s/f judicial center which consolidates four existing York County Courthouses into a single Judicial Center. The new judicial center includes District, Civil, and Family courts with arraignment, trial, and non-jury style courtrooms of various sizes. The building was designed with sustainability, universal accessibility, and inclusivity in mind.

Woodland views, courtrooms with natural light, clear way-finding, and a palette inspired by the landscapes of York County, help mitigate the stress the public may experience when visiting a courthouse and create an inviting civic presence. Sustainability was a key component in this highly

efficient project as the York Judicial Center is an all-electric building free from fossil fuel consumption with rooftop photovoltaics and 70 ground source heat exchangers. Efficient mechanical systems and a high-performance building envelope help achieve a low pEUI.

“Finegold Alexander is honored to bring the judicial center to the state of Maine alongside the Bureau of Real Estate Management,” said Jeff Garriga, principal at Finegold Alexander. “We have created an inviting space that will be accessible for all who visit for years to come.”

Finegold Alexander has a portfolio of civic projects across the greater New England region. Its impressive portfolio of civic projects includes the Lowell Justice Center, the Fall River Justice Center, and the Massachusetts State House – Executive Offices of the Governor in Boston, and the Boston City Hall Council Chambers.

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