



Robinson & Cole Follows Precedent, Selects Margulies & Associates

Law firm hires Margulies for fifth set of renovations in 11 years



BOSTON, MA – August 8, 2005 – Margulies & Associates, one of Boston’s most innovative architectural and interior design firms, announced today that it has been retained by the law firm Robinson & Cole LLP to manage interior renovations at One Boston Place for the fifth time in 11 years.

Robinson & Cole moved to One Boston Place in 1994 and hired Andy Dean of Margulies & Associates to handle the complete gut renovation of its space. Since then, Margulies & Associates has assisted the law firm as its Boston office has grown to over 100 employees. The firm recently signed a 10-year multi-floor lease at One Boston Place.

“The level of innovation, creativity and problem resolution offered by Margulies & Associates made the selection of the firm for our architectural and interior design needs an easy decision,” explained James B. Zuckernik, partner at Robinson & Cole LLP. “Great interior design features make our space very appealing. Our staff loves the space -- so much, they didn’t want to move to a new building when we realized that we needed additional space. Instead, we expanded our existing offices to contiguous floors to accommodate our growing staff. We’ve been here 11 years now and the original space looks as fresh as when we moved in.”

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The Margulies team completed multiple feasibility studies for Robinson & Cole's new offices at different buildings. The initial feasibility studies were developed as schematic plans, allowing the design to develop rapidly into contract documents with a possible start of construction only four weeks after the building had been selected.

"We faced a challenge in maintaining a unified theme between the original spaces and the new space while simultaneously modernizing the occupied space. Many of the materials we had used in previous renovations were no longer available so we had to either track them down or find something that would be compatible," stated Andy Dean, AIA, principal at Margulies & Associates. "Our goal as a firm is to understand our clients' unique personalities and business focus, and make sure our design supports and enhances their objectives."

Several innovative elements can be found in the design of the offices. Every perimeter office has a clerestory window running the full length of its interior wall. This clerestory allows natural light into the interior support spaces, and a view out to the building's exterior even when an office door is closed. Also enhancing the quality of the light in the general office space are the indirect pendant light fixtures. The lighting and the open office furniture system contribute to a bright, airy effect within the office space.

Payton Construction has served as General Contractor in all phases of this 11-year collaboration between Margulies & Associates and Robinson & Cole.

About Margulies & Associates:

Now in its 17th year of operation, Margulies & Associates is a Boston design firm providing architecture and interior design services to the corporate, institutional, and real estate communities. The firm's corporate clients include Liberty Mutual, Partners Healthcare, Forrester Research, RSA Security, Akamai Technologies, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. For more information, please visit www.margulies.com.

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