

Luzerne County Courthouse

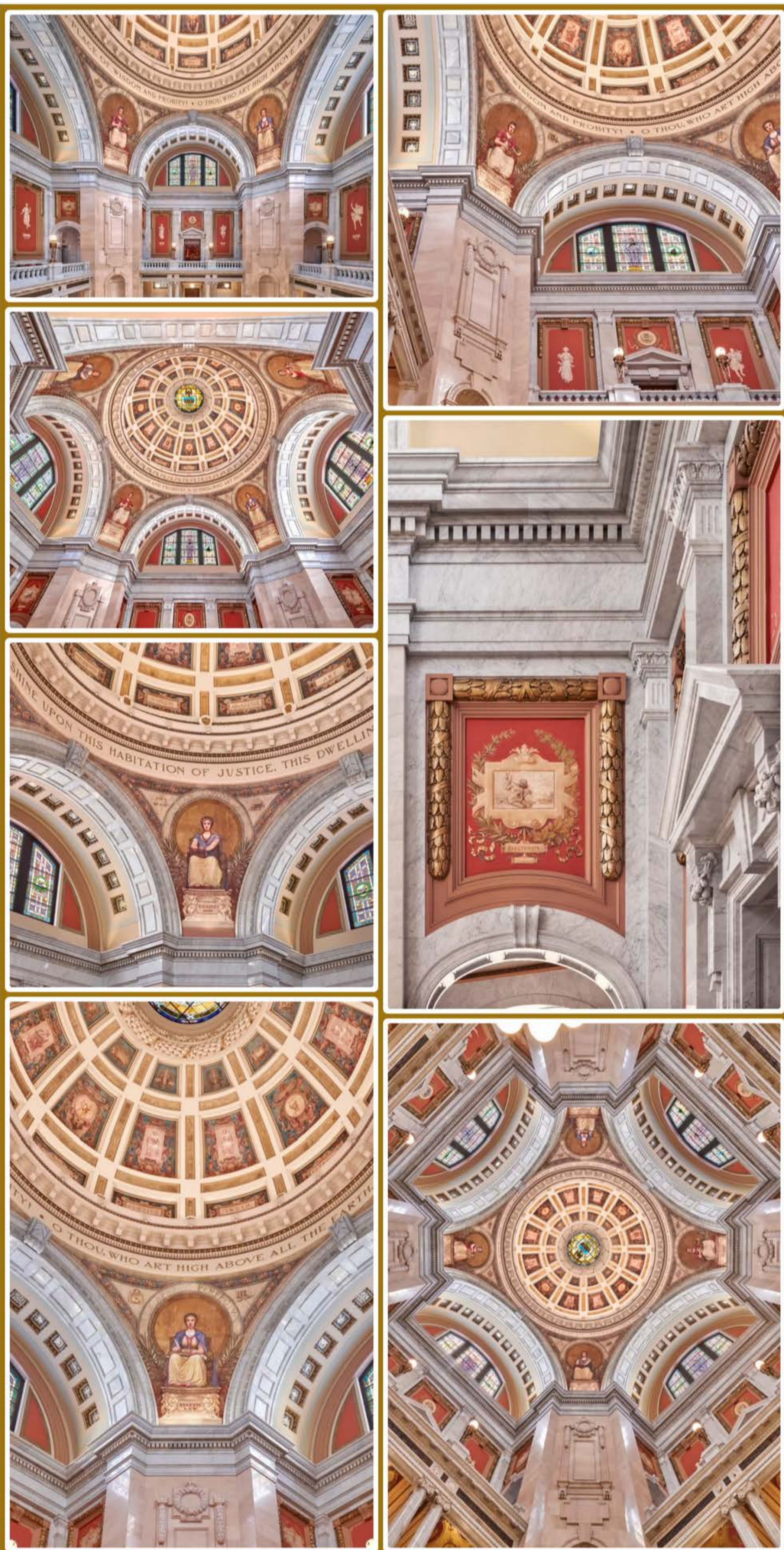
John Canning & Co. conserved and restored all aspects of the courthouse's historic fabric: marble, metal, plaster, paint, and artwork.

PROJECT DETAILS

Decades of water damage, mold, mildew, and incompatible localized attempts at repairs made an impact on much of the historic fabric and the preservation of the finishes was a high priority. As Phase I of the Courthouse's preservation goals, the project focused on the rotunda dome, rotunda proper, third floor corridors, and South lobby. A thorough assessment and analysis of the finishes and artwork took place to determine the conditions and conservation treatments of each mural and establish the original historic color palette.

125 murals were carefully assessed, documented and conserved throughout the rotunda proper and third floor corridors. Deteriorated areas of flat and ornamental plaster moldings were restored using the same plaster materials utilized originally. The historic color palette was reinstated which was more sympathetic and related to the botticino marble used throughout the courthouse. The marble features and flooring were carefully cleaned, conserved and repaired where joints had deteriorated. Bronze torchieres, railings, and ornamental features were conserved and cleaned to reestablish their original finish.

GALLERY



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 [John Canning & Co. conserves a legacy of art and craftsmanship in the Luzerne County Courthouse.](#)

 [Luzerne County Courthouse Earns John Canning Co. a 2018 Trumbauer Award](#)

 [John Canning & Company Earns The Clem Labine's Traditional Building 2019 Palladio Award For Craftsmanship](#)

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BUILDING FACTS

 Location: Wilkes-Barre, PA

 Built: 1906

 Original Architect: F.J. Osterling

 Style: Neoclassical

 National Landmark

AWARDS

 2022 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award - Leadership Award for Local Government

 2018 Trumbauer Award given by the Philadelphia ICAA Chapter

 2019 Traditional Building Palladio Award for Craftsmanship

SCOPE

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PROJECT TEAM

 Architect: A+E Group, Inc.