



The simple, cubic form of the building belies a complex hybrid structure, composed of pan-formed, reinforced concrete framing that supports roof-level steel columns and beams. Dramatic cantilevers establish a grand scale commensurate with the important decisions to be administered within.



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LOCATION Austin, Texas
 AREA 223,000 sf
 COST \$102,000,000
 ARCHITECT Mack Scogin
 Merrill Elam Architects

Public

United States Courthouse, Austin

The new United States Courthouse in Austin was designed under the General Service Administration's Design Excellence Program, with security and blast resistance requirements defined by Public Building Service document PBS P-100 and the U.S. Courts Design Guide. The building includes a special proceedings courtroom, three magistrate courtrooms, four district courtrooms, judges' chambers, U.S. Marshals Service offices and facilities, and supporting public spaces. MSME Architects devised an ingenious arrangement in which courtrooms are located in double-height spaces on alternate levels that interlock with adjacent, single-height floors. The scheme reduced floor area and resulted in an efficient cubic form, with the pattern of courtrooms expressed on the building exterior as zinc-clad boxes delineated by vertical slots in the limestone facade. The building is a cast-in-place concrete structure with long-span floor construction in the courtroom areas. The project is currently under construction.

