

Gesmonde Office Building

Hamden, CT



This project involved new construction of a three floor wood framed structure in the Mount Carmel section of Hamden to house the law firm of Gesmonde, Pietrosimone & Sgrignari. It also included the renovation of an attached historic home built in the 1700's. Additional tenant spaces were provided, which Banton returned to fit up as individual leases were generated.

The building was constructed along historic guidelines in a mid-1800's Greek revival architectural style. The Owner was an avid antique collector and purchased an array of artifacts from around the country. These components were incorporated into the design and construction. Examples were a stone eagle from a destroyed Chicago building, wood flooring, bathroom fixtures, library millwork and shelving units.

Banton performed approximately 70 percent of the trade work with its own in-house forces including carpentry, millwork, gypsum systems, roofing, wood siding and finishes.

Extensive wood cornice work was constructed throughout the building's interior and exterior and much of the millwork was fabricated onsite. The result was a very high end, ornate replication. Most visitors do not realize that 80 percent of the facility is new construction.

Role: General Contractor

Owner: Attorney John Gesmonde

Architect: Christopher Williams Architects

