

# New York Law School Debuts New Academic Center

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## New York Law School Opens New Facility in TriBeCa

SmithGroup, one of the nation's leading architecture, engineering, interior design, and planning firms, is proud to announce the opening of a new academic center for New York Law School located in the heart of New York City's historic TriBeCa neighborhood.

The \$145 million facility will serve over 1,500 students. Construction, which began in 2006, was completed in conjunction with BSK Architects and general contractor Pavarini McGovern, both headquartered in New York.

"The new academic center celebrates the close connection of New York Law School to its community," said Tom Butcavage, AIA, LEED AP, a SmithGroup vice president who served as design principal for the project. "The open modern design conveys the school's values and legacy of integrity, collaboration and public service, and creates a new civic icon for TriBeCa."

The 200,000-square-foot contemporary, glass enclosed facility, constructed upon the law school's former parking lot, rises five stories above ground with four stories below grade. As part of the university's mission to create a highly visible civic landmark, SmithGroup's design showcases its student interaction and community spaces, which are located along the 200-foot long glass corridors. Event spaces including a large auditorium and multipurpose space provide opportunities for public lecture series and outreach programs.