Law School Revitalization: Phase One Complete

Immediately after classes ended in June, a small army of tradesmen descended upon the Law School to renovate the classroom wing. Working double shifts all summer, they completely transformed the classrooms and the lower level: natural light now fills the lower concourse; the classrooms and seminar rooms have the best new audio-visual, heating and cooling, and lighting systems available; and the entire wing is now fully wheelchair accessible. The photographs on the following pages detail the classroom wing’s transformation, and illustrate how it became a much more useable—and beautiful—space.
New elevator lobby in the auditorium

Electrician installs power and data ports in the auditorium's classroom seats

Miles of cable were used to bring power and data ports to every seminar room and classroom seat.

Carpenters install the new ceiling grid in classroom II

Auditorium chairs (from Spain) installed by a specially trained technician (from Ireland)

New pavilion elevator shaft

Classroom IV, prepared for its transformation

Auditorium
Phone kiosk in lower level locker commons

A teaching wall rises in classroom IV

Karen Afshari leads faculty on a tour of the work site—from left, Richard Epstein, Karen Afshari, Randal Picker, Adam Cox, and Lior Strahilevitz

Electrician installs audio-visual components of the new teaching walls

Classroom IV's "cloud ceiling" installed—the clouds hide mechanicals for the lights, audio-visual, and heating and air conditioning

Finish work in the student locker commons
"Classroom I was a delight. The size and acoustics are great, and so is the technology. The ability to control the Powerpoint screen, to mute the projector, and to adjust the lighting makes it a joy to switch back and forth between Socratic/board discussion and Powerpoint. It really is the best of both worlds. The students could hear one another, too!"

—Professor Randal Picker, Paul and Theo Leffman Professor of Commercial Law
First day of classes, Jennifer Raisor, '05, and Ryan LaRosa, '05, enjoy a moment of conversation in the new locker commons.

Professor Richard Epstein and Timothy Karpoff, '05, converse on the new seminar room concourse.