rehabilitation design
JUSTICE+CIVIC COMMITMENT

DLR Group is a global integrated design firm.

There is a very human aspect of buildings beyond form and function, a sense of place that is fundamental to architectural design—particularly for Justice+Civic structures. Buildings shape human experience and make people feel. A civic building’s effect on its community is palpable. It must be inviting and vital to day-to-day community life, a hub that is gracefully connected to the streetscape and other venues around it. At the same time, it must be timeless, evoking dignity and establishing a legacy befitting a landmark of stability and security for the community, now and into the future.

DLR Group addresses how best to create that sense of place on every project it takes on, with the same importance we place in achieving programmatic goals and integrating sustainable design elements. The quality of the environment—natural light, apparent density, color, texture and furnishings—directly impact the behavior and productivity of staff, and the enjoyment of the public. We design to create a sense of ownership and adapt the building to the community’s unique aspirations and identity, so people are empowered and excited to be in the places they inhabit in their daily lives.

Placemaking requires designing a space that encourages meaningful social interactions. This supersedes any attempt to create iconic architecture or use high design architectural styles. While our designs meld the history of the community, the physical environment, and the vision for the future, we also carefully consider how the building will contribute as a healthy, vibrant workplace or destination.
Well-designed public safety facilities require a complex layering and balancing of needs. These spaces must be secure, yet visually transparent and open to the public. They must be flexible to technological and organizational change, yet highly functional for present needs. And they must be efficient to operate while contributing to employee wellness.

Tackling the push-pull of these dynamic needs requires a new approach to the design of public safety workplaces. It begins by seeing these buildings as literal parts of the tool kit that officers use to do their jobs; a bona fide Swiss Army knife that can meet a number of different objectives while managing to flex and grow with the officer’s needs.
A new trend in courthouse design is the focus on improving the customer experience. Courthouses are places for the people, but not necessarily the place where most people choose to spend their valuable time. Recognizing that time is a precious commodity, a contemporary courthouse seeks to improve operations through a planning approach which focuses on improving the customer experience.

DLR Group’s Courts Studio elevates behavioral, environmental, and social betterment, with emphasis on healing, equity, and transformation for the individual and community.
As stewards of the public built environment, DLR Group elevates behavioral, environmental, and social betterment, with emphasis on healing, equity, and transformation for the individual and community. DLR Group is leading a paradigm change in corrections and detention design to return the focus on rehabilitative solutions that educate and socialize people back into society. Our designs treat each individual with dignity to help clients, and society, achieve the goal of reducing recidivism while improving the workplace experience for correctional staff.
Across the country, communities and government agencies are creating and exploring new methods of addressing remanded youth with positive results. From Los Angeles County's new Campus Kilpatrick model to the Oregon Youth Authority's MacClaren Campus, each of these models move the culture from custody and control to care and custody to acknowledge society's need to provide custody of these at-risk youth while developing means to model and communicate care.
As stewards of the public built environment, DLR Group elevates behavioral, environmental, and social betterment, with emphasis on healing, equity, and transformation for the individual and community. Within the civic arena we focus on design that efficiently connects citizens to public services at the city, county, state, and federal level, increasing their engagement with government while improving the workplace experience for employees.
One of the most pressing challenges in the century is to mitigate climate change caused by greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from human activities. Information in this report has been extracted from the estimated operational energy consumption, energy production, and energy optimization of DLR Group designs in 2018. Beyond these typical metrics of achievement, in 2018 we addressed other areas including exploration of innovative materials, indoor air quality, occupant comfort, wellbeing and productivity. These areas further expanded our thinking on sustainability and the role it plays within integrated design.

**Raise the Bar**

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**SUSTAINABILITY**

Meeting the Challenge

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**Meeting the Challenge**

The amount of water used in 619 U.S. Olympic-size swimming pools

Removing 71,000 passenger vehicles from the road

The amount of carbon sequestered by 393,000 acres of forest

The amount of energy consumed by 36,000 homes in a year

This resulted in 334,000 metric tons of GHG* avoided

* GHG EMISSIONS ARE ESTIMATED USING NATIONAL AVERAGE FUEL FACTORS FOR ENERGY USE IN BUILDINGS, AND EPA’S POWER PROFILER TOOL.
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DLR Group is a global integrated design firm.

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