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LASC TO RELOCATE SOME COURT OPERATIONS TO US DISTRICT COURTHOUSE IN 2017

Los Angeles - Los Angeles Superior Court judges will occupy space in the historic United States Courthouse on Spring Street in downtown Los Angeles that will become vacant when their counterparts in the U.S. District Court move to the new federal courthouse at Broadway and 1st streets which is scheduled to be completed in 2016. The innovative lease agreement among federal, state and local government entities will preserve the national historic landmark as a place for the administration of justice.

The lease allows LASC to obtain more courtrooms and more useful space for the same amount it currently pays for its lease of the Central Civil West Courthouse - a privately-owned building located at 600 S. Commonwealth, Los Angeles - which it will vacate. This move will allow the Court to enhance access to courtrooms and courthouse spaces that are currently over-crowded. As the Spring Street Courthouse is currently used for judicial functions, LASC will be able to move in without costly renovation or alterations.

Los Angeles Superior Court Presiding Judge Carolyn B. Kuhl said, "This move allows the Court to consolidate operations in a downtown location that will better serve litigants, attorneys and other court users. It also allows our Court to help preserve this beautiful symbol of the judicial branch of government."

The lease agreement involves the Los Angeles Superior Court, the federal General Services Administration (GSA), and the Judicial Council of California. According to the GSA, which manages the courthouse at 312 N. Spring Street, "the innovative lease agreement was accomplished under Section 111 of the National Historic Preservation Act. It is the product of unique collaboration between federal, state and local government in the public interest."

LASC is in the midst of planning which courtrooms and other court functions will move to the Spring Street Courthouse. Some courtrooms are expected to move as early as the first quarter of 2017. The move will be completed by December, 2018.

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