

# Topping Off a New U.S. Courthouse in Harrisburg



**Photo courtesy of Hill International: Judges and members of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of PA with the last steel beam, signed and affixed with a pine tree and the American flag, at the November 20 Topping Off for the new U.S. Courthouse in Harrisburg.**

A Topping Off event was held on Nov. 20 for the new 243,000 gross square foot courthouse being constructed on approximately four acres at 6th and Reily streets in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Hosted by the general contractor, Mascaro Construction Company, the informal event celebrated installation of the building's last steel beam. Mascaro gathered their project employees and sub-contractors onsite to acknowledge the construction crew for reaching this project milestone.

The final steel beam was painted white and signed by Chief Judge Christopher C. Conner, Judge Sylvia H. Rambo, Judge John E. Jones III, Judge Yvette Kane, Chief Magistrate Judge Susan E. Schwab, Judge Jennifer Wilson, Magistrate Judge Martin C. Carlson, and Bankruptcy Judge Van Eck, all from the Middle District of PA, and by Susan Rodriguez, the Lead Designer from Ennead Architects. Prior to being hoisted, both a pine tree and American flag were

attached to the final beam; a construction tradition dating back to the pre-Dark Age Scandinavian culture.

Honorable John E. Jones III said, "The ceremony was both meaningful and moving. Seeing all the steel superstructure topped off really brought home what a truly magnificent building this is going to be."

The construction is estimated to be substantially completed in 2022. When completed, the new courthouse will provide eight courtrooms and eleven chambers. Tenants of this new courthouse will be the PA 3rd Circuit U.S. Courts, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Trustees.



**Photo courtesy of Hill International: The last steel beam is hoisted and set into place for the new U.S. Courthouse in Harrisburg.**