New law school building as seen from the air in late fall, 1984. Photo by John Riley.
Harsh weather, labor disputes and business difficulties among key material suppliers have combined to slow progress on the new law building. Plans to open the new facility in time to begin classes in January, 1986 are undergoing reassessment. The latest estimated completion date for the project is January 7, 1986. Barring further slippage in the work schedule, the big move into the new building will occur either during the holiday recess in late 1985 or, at the latest, during the early summer of 1986. Whenever the new building is occupied, the dedication ceremonies will not be held until early fall of 1986.

As the pictures on this page demonstrate, construction on the exterior of the building is nearing completion. The 5-inch thick panels of limestone siding (weighing 3,000 lbs. per panel) have nearly all been installed, the roof is on and the heating and air condition system is in place. A shortage of materials needed to finish the large expanses of glass walls on the south and east sides of the building has prevented closing the building for winter as early as was planned, but the building was scheduled to be made weather tight by January 1st, 1985 to allow concentration on the many finishing projects inside the 200,000 sq. foot structure.

View of new law building from Riverside Drive. Note how the 5-story structure sinks into the bluff to avoid visual domination of the riverbank skyline.

Main entrance to new law building (looking north from Melrose Avenue).

North face of new building. Note the limestone panels installed on the right side of the light slot.