

Nixon Peabody LLP

Washington, D.C.

Seeking to support top millennial talent and offer a higher quality workplace experience, Nixon Peabody has brought the trend of the open office to the legal services sector with its new Washington, D.C. space.

Instead of the traditional large, closed-plan space, the international law firm opted for a smaller, open-plan space. Occupying only the top three floors of a building with a long narrow footprint, the design favors the experience of the group and aims to foster collaboration.

Private offices have been pulled toward the center of each floor to create a common area along the perimeter, one that democratizes access to daylight and views and allows colleagues from different areas to circulate and interact.

Where private spaces were maintained, glass partitions create a feeling of openness and transparency and allow for maximum daylight penetration in the space.



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The automated SolarTrac® System provides control of motorized roller shades along the shorter, east- and west-facing elevations.

Automating the roller shades ensures that direct sunlight is controlled effectively, reliably, and only when necessary. By not only lowering the shades to manage glare and control heat gain when necessary, but also raising them back up when it's not, SolarTrac maximizes natural daylight exposure and views to the outside.

SolarTrac provides the right dose of natural light in the morning, helping bring the firm to life, and keeps people in sync with the natural circadian rhythms of the day as the hours go by.

All the while, the SolarTrac System at Nixon Peabody Washington, D.C. reduces electric lighting and heating and cooling requirements, making it the perfect complement to today's open office.

Architect: Perkins+Will

Area: 66,000 sq. ft.

Motorized roller-shade solution:

WhisperShade® IQ2® Electronic Drive Unit

No. of motors: 105

Automated roller-shade controller: SolarTrac

Network: MechoNet™

No. of floors: 3

No. of SolarTrac zones: 23

Shadecloth: Cradle to Cradle Certified™ EcoVeil® (1569) with a 3% openness factor

Manual roller-shade solution: Mecho®/5 System

No. of shades: 125

Specialized shade solution: Fixed Shades

No. of specialized shades: 24



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