



IOC project partners signs the interiors of Bartlit Beck's Chicago headquarters

Within Courthouse Place, a historic nineteenth-century Chicago building, the new headquarters of Bartlit Beck — one of the most prestigious law firms in the United States — is taking shape. The project, developed by Gensler, a global architecture and design firm, sees IOC project partners as the reference partner for the design and execution of the partition systems: nearly 400 linear meters of glass partitions that redefine the dialogue between historic architecture and the contemporary workplace.

IOC project partners develops and manufactures in Italy integrated solutions for professional environments aimed at an international market. Demountable partitions, executive and operational workstations, lounge areas, and bespoke furnishings make up an offering that combines design expertise, industrial capacity, and proven experience in managing complex projects, meeting the demands for flexibility, efficiency, and wellbeing in contemporary workspaces.

The project confirms the company's international vocation and gives shape to Gensler's design vision, with which IOC shares an approach grounded in environmental quality, sustainability, and the centrality of human experience within built space.

Spread across five levels within Courthouse Place, the Bartlit Beck project engages with the original architecture through a measured, light, and flexible design language. The distinctive features of the existing building — high ceilings, load-bearing masonry, and large arched openings — become defining elements of the new spatial layout. The floor plan draws on the traditional American office typology, with executive offices positioned along the perimeter in direct relationship with natural light and the city, while the central core houses shared workstations, informal areas, and larger meeting rooms.

To meet the need for transparent, continuous, and lightweight elements capable of delivering high acoustic performance, privacy, and flexibility of use, IOC introduced Ultralight glazed partition. Custom-developed to combine performance and aesthetic quality, the system is based on 60 mm aluminum profiles designed and extruded directly by the company, ensuring structural stability, design freedom, and integration with different architectural languages.

The entire process, from design to on-site installation, was overseen by IOC's technical team. The solutions adopted — clear glass, polycarbonate joints, and profiles with a dark bronze anodized finish — define an essential and rigorous compositional system, balanced between formal lightness and technical performance. Configurations range from offset single-glazed partitions — with heights of up to approximately 2.8 metres and framed double-glazed hinged doors — to large-format solutions. The latter, also equipped with offset single-glazed profiles, reach heights of 4.1 metres and integrate double-glazed sliding doors measuring 2.7 metres in height.

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In line with Gensler's approach, oriented toward environmental quality and design responsibility, sustainability was a guiding criterion at every stage of the project. The Ultralight systems are designed to contribute to LEED certification, meeting requirements related to material quality and life cycle. The use of aluminum and glass — durable, fully recyclable materials — together with certified components and controlled production processes, reflects an approach consistent with the highest standards of the North American market and with leading international environmental certification protocols.

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