

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2009 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### West Town State Bank 2400 West Madison Adaptive Reuse and Exterior Restoration

*Recipient: Mary Sopic, Lou Sopic and Dennis Sopic*

This nine-story building was built in 1929 to house a bank and commercial offices and was designed by the prominent architectural firm of Mundie & Jensen. The finely detailed Art Deco and Modern Classical-style building stands as an example of a neighborhood "skyscraper" and is a distinctive visual landmark on the West side. In the 1930s, the building housed radio stations that broadcasted pioneering African-American radio programs hosted by Jack L. Cooper and Al Benson. The building had been vacant for many years when the current owners purchased it and began an adaptive reuse project, converting the building into rental apartments. Exterior work included stone restoration, new storefronts, and new windows to bring this building back again to its former glory. The West Town State Bank was designated a Chicago Landmark on October 1, 2003.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**City of Chicago**  
Richard M. Daley, Mayor

**Department of Zoning and Land Use Planning**  
Patricia A. Scudiero, Commissioner

**Commission on Chicago Landmarks**  
David R. Mosen, Chairman