

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2011 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Home Bank and Trust Company Building 1200 North Ashland Exterior Restoration and Adaptive Reuse

Recipients: RDM Development and Investment LLC & CVS/Pharmacy

This neighborhood bank building, designed by significant architect Karl Vitzthum in 1925, exemplifies the critical role that banks played in the history and development of Chicago neighborhoods in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Built in the heart of Chicago's historic "Polish downtown," this monumental Classical Revival-style building is ornamented with finely-carved low-relief sculpture and has a dramatic banking hall. Working together, the building owner and the ground-floor tenant, CVS/Pharmacy, restored the exterior and creatively adapted the interior banking hall space for its new use as a pharmacy retail space. The building owner's scope of work included removing the non-historic masonry infill at the original window openings and repairing and repainting the windows that had been uncovered. CVS/Pharmacy worked closely with Commission staff so that the store layout, shelving design, floor finishes, lighting fixtures, and signage would be well integrated and respectful of the original decorative wood work, plaster moldings, pendant lights, and mezzanine ornamental railings. This project highlights the benefits of adoptively reusing an important neighborhood building. The Home Bank and Trust Building was designated as a Chicago Landmark on February 6, 2008.



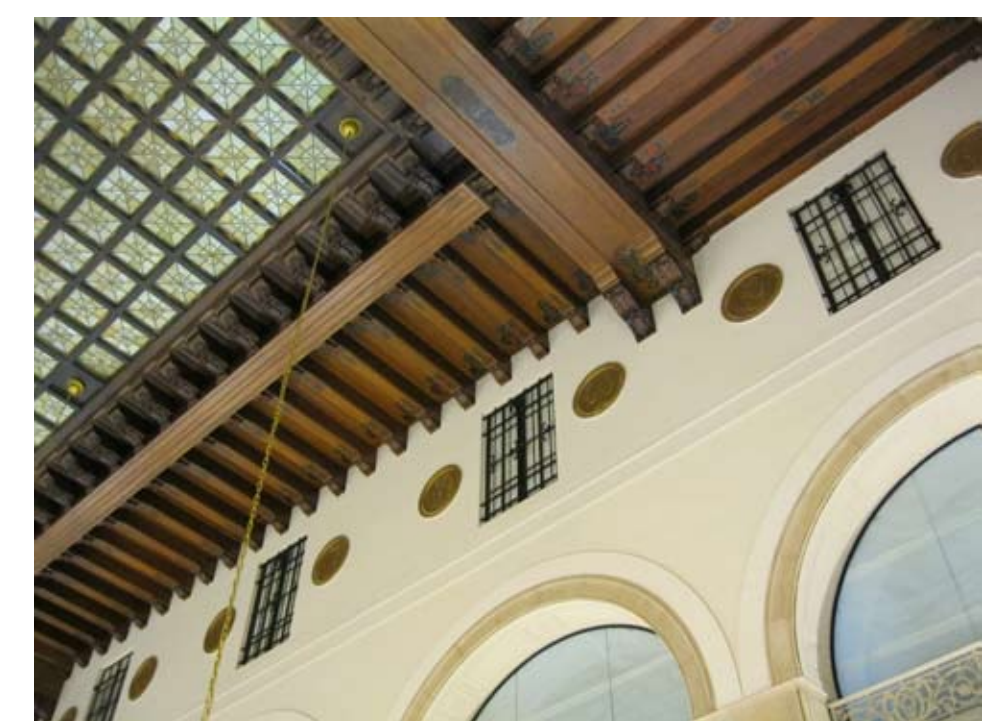
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