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DREAMY DESIGN

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals' Historic Courthouse continues to rack up awards, most recently the 2011 American Architecture Award from the Chicago Athenaeum and European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies. The 191-year-old courthouse has now received 18 awards for architecture, design and historic preservation since its 2009 renovation, including "Best of the Best" awards from McGraw-Hill Construction and the city's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. The architecture firm behind the renovation, Beyer Blinder Belle — the primary recipient of the award — received word of the honor in early August, according to court spokeswoman **Leah Gurowitz**. In October 2011, the courthouse will be part of an exhibit of each of the architecture groups' awarded buildings during a symposium in Buenos Aires. Chief Judge **Eric Washington** said in a written statement that, as envisioned by the city's chief designer, Pierre L'Enfant, "the court campus is a vital green space in the city, and the Historic Courthouse, which is nearing its 200th birthday, is a 'temple on a hill' in our Nation's Capital." — Zoe Tillman