

Our New Bar Center

The following 4 pages are devoted to various scenes of our new Bar Center, dedicated September 24, 1971.

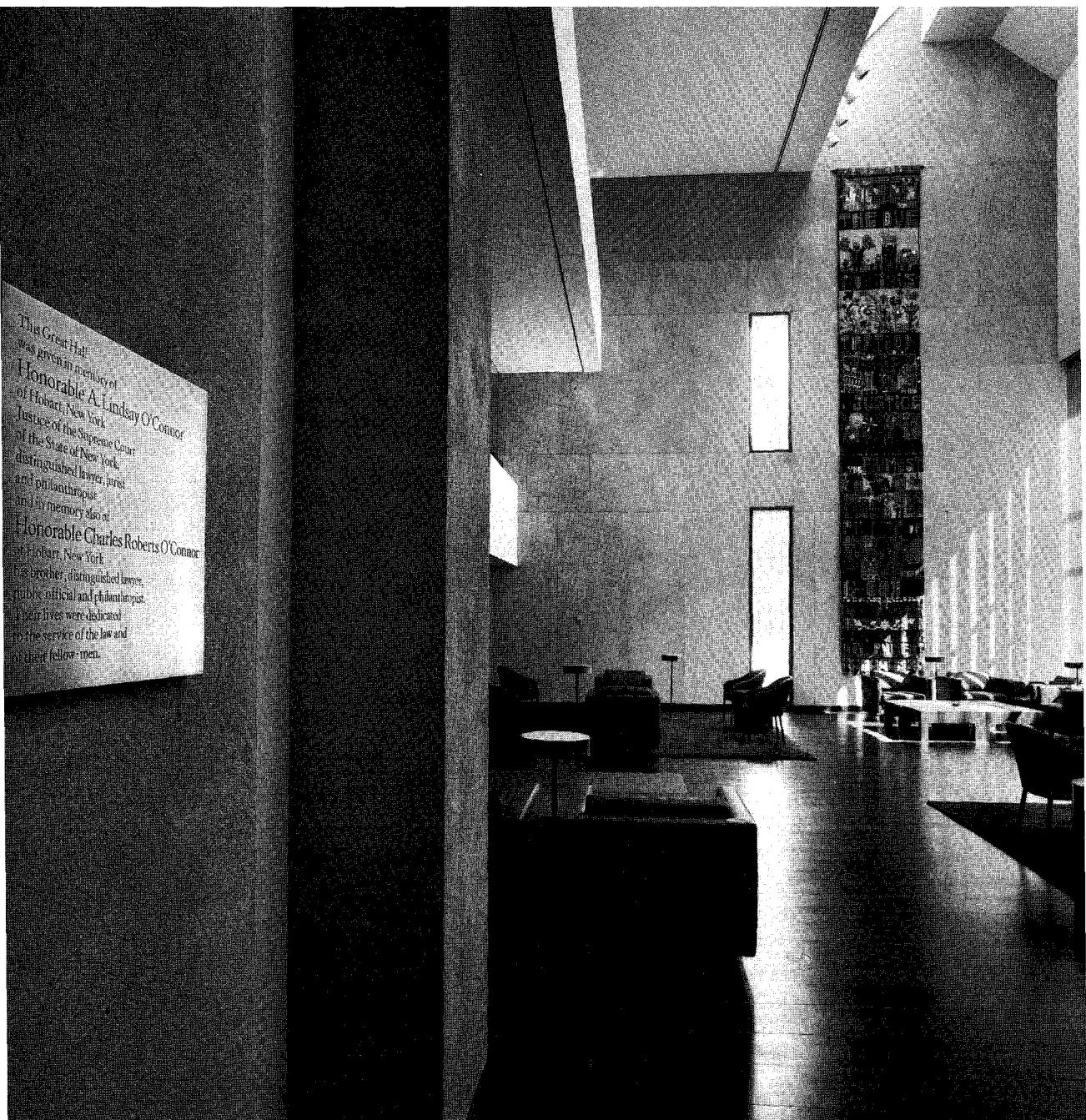


The Bar Center: Design

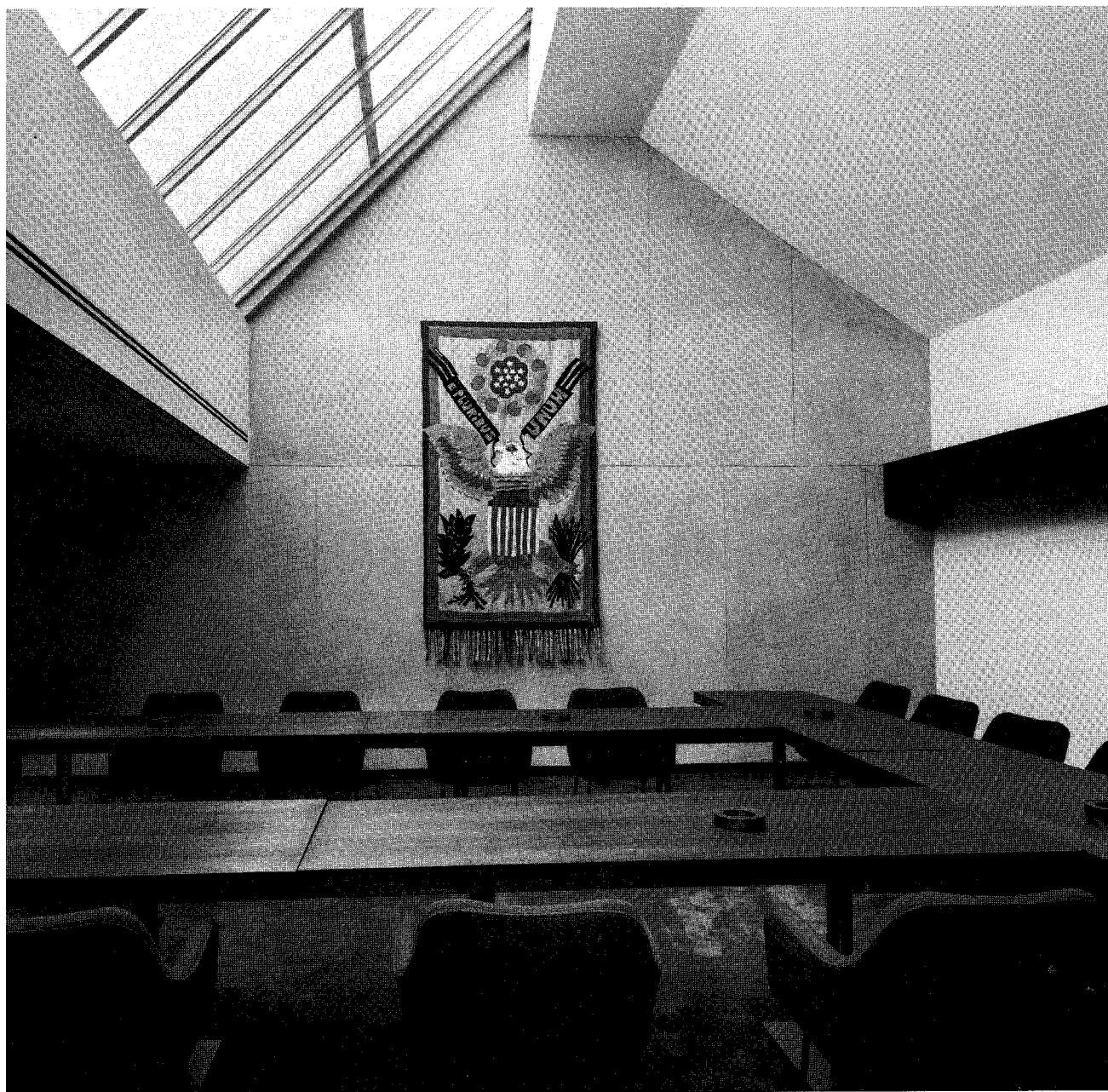
The design of the State Bar Center, the result of a collaboration between the architectural firm of James Stewart Polshek and Associates and the New York State Bar Association, combines a new building with three 19th century townhouses, welding them together to form a single functional complex. This unique solution, involving a complicated building program and a controversial site, solves the present and future needs of our 22,000 member Bar Association. It also satisfies the desires of the community of Albany relative to the preservation of those urban amenities that have, in the past, made the Capitol area so pleasant.

This new complex adds a significant 20th century building to a neighborhood already noted for the quality of its architecture and parks. The architect has achieved this solution without the sacrifice of portions of the urban fabric that are so necessary to continued appreciation of historic continuity and the maintenance of the quality of city life.

Ada Louise Huxtable in the New York Times stated that the building ". . . is a sophisticated triumph in that most delicate, complex and poorly understood art of the environment: urban design." The design also won the 1968 Progressive Architecture Design Award. The building was dedicated on September 24, 1971.



The Great Hall, a gift in memory of Honorable A. Lindsay O'Connor and Honorable Charles Roberts O'Connor.



The Bar Center: Function

The Bar Center is entered through One Elk Street, one of the three rehabilitated 19th century townhouses which have been integrated into the complex. It is comprised of six functional levels serving fully and efficiently the present and now foreseeable needs of the Association.

The Center contains 30,000 square feet of floor area including "quiet spaces" such as the Cromwell Conference Room and Hinman Library for individuals or small groups to study, do research or hold discussions. It also contains a Great Hall for large meetings and receptions. Around this dramatic space are arranged administration and clerical facilities of the Association.

Hinman Memorial Library

Below: Shown in a scene at the Dedication Ceremonies in the Hinman Memorial Library are right to left the Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of New York State congratulating Harvey D. Hinman, grandson, and George L. Hinman, son of Harvey D. Hinman.



THIS LIBRARY WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF HARVEY
D. HINMAN OF BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, WHO
PRACTICED AT THE BAR OF THIS STATE FOR SIXTY
YEARS FROM 1894 TO 1954 AND WHO IS REMEM-
BERED HERE FOR DISTINCTION IN HIS PROFE-
SSION AND IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

AND HIS WIFE

PHEBE BROWN HINMAN A TRUE AND WORTHY
REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL THE GOOD WIVES WHO
HAVE SHARED THE TRIALS, THE TRIBULATIONS
AND THE TRIUMPHS OF THE HARD-WORKING
PRACTITIONERS OF THE LAW.