



The Lafayette Court Building Buffalo's Retail Past



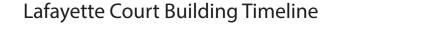
Although the American economy of the later nineteenth century yo-yoed between boom and bust, each plateau of prosperity tended to be higher than the last. Buffalo's economic miracle was part of this jerky upward growth in the American economy. One consequence of greater wealth was a larger and more leisured middle class. More people had more money to spend, and they had more time to spend it in. Middle-class women were especially affected.

The department store, which capitalized these trends, was an invention of the post-Civil War decade. Stores such as Macy's in New York, Marshall Field's in Chicago, and Wanamaker's in Philadelphia became the showcases of new technology and fashion.

In 1876 Buffalo's Adam and Meldrum formed their durable partnership. (The firm became Adam Meldrum and Anderson in 1892). Other Buffalo department stores, Flint and Kent, Hengerer, and the Sweeney Company were particularly successful in the 1880s and 1890s. These new retail ventures offered women an impressive array of goods and services. They offered cooking classes, restaurants, and beauty parlors. The department stores introduced and demonstrated labor–saving devices: washing and sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, and iceboxes.

If the department stores became a kind of social center for middle-class women, they also helped women move out into the wider world in another way. In these stores it was largely women who marketed goods to women. For the working-class woman the department store was a pleasant alternative to the factory. For the middle-class woman it permitted a time away from home between girlhood and motherhood. Although we are likely to notice that women were usually the clerks and never the managers, department-store work was sometimes cheered by nineteenth-century feminists who saw employment there as a stroke for women's equality and self-sufficiency.

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1903-1981 1981 Mid 1980's

Hengerer's Department Store enjoys prominence as a cornerstone of Buffalo's Main Street retail corridor Hengerer's merged with Sibley's of Rochester and was then bought out by Kaufman's, which closed its downtown stores

The renamed Lafayette Court building was converted into office space.

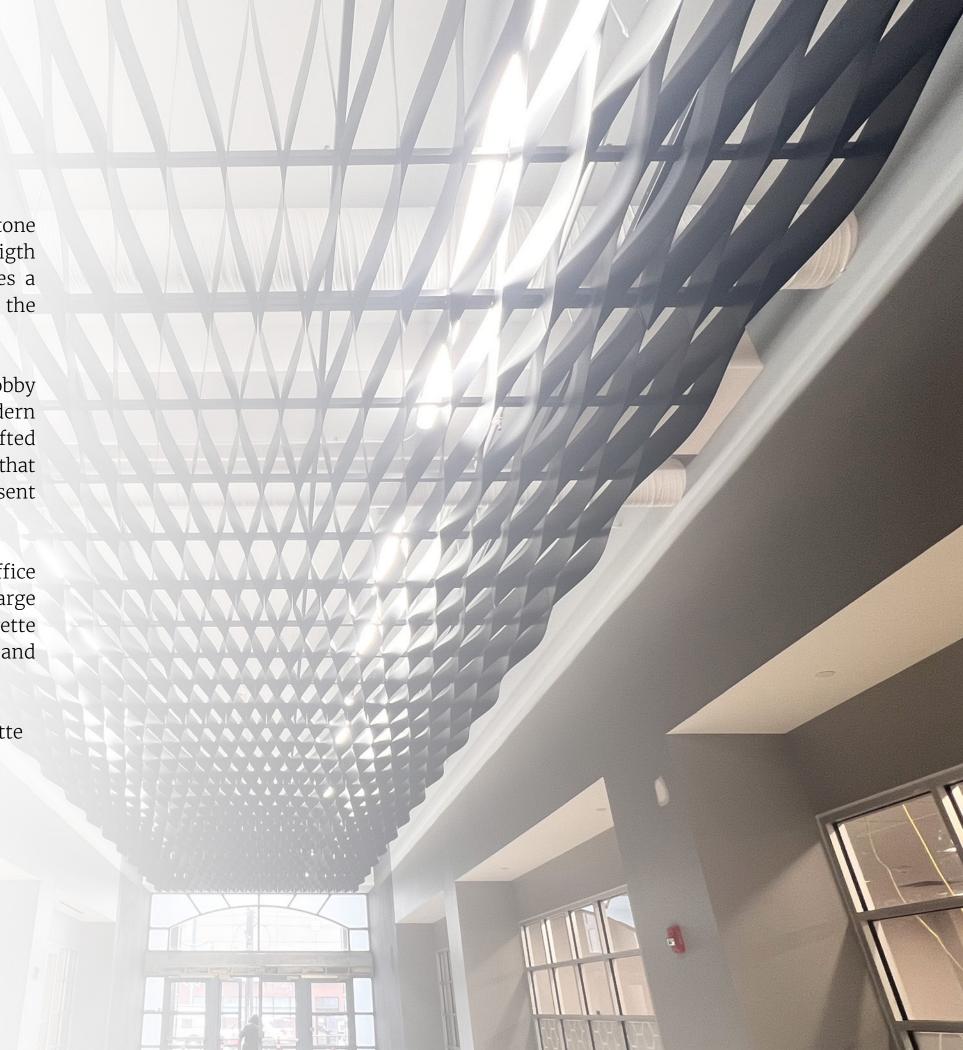
Lafayette Court Building Overview

Located at 465 Main Street, the Lafayette Court Building is a cornerstone of Buffalo's Central Business District. With a rich history and brigth future, the 190,000 square foot Lafayette Court Building provides a prestigious business address with unmatched access to all areas of the Buffalo Niagara region.

Upon entering the building, the newly renovated entrances and lobby welcome clients with refreshed amenity and food options, modern finishes and vibrant environment. The building's carefully crafted exterior details symbolize the quality craftsmanship and the prestige that come with this downtown address while the sleek interiors represent the city's brigth future.

The Lafayette Court Building offers flexibility and a wide variety of office space layouts. Tenants enjoy spectacular view of the city, with large open floor plates measuring up to 25,000 square feet. The Lafayette Court Building is an ideal location for advertising, technology, and startup companies.

Under the supervision of Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation, Lafayette Court also benefits from having an on-site professional property manager, stationary engineers, and 24/7 maintenance staff.



Points of Interest. Within A 10-Minute Walk.



EATERIES / CAFES

Flint Restaurant & Bar Braymiller Market Public Espresso Overwinter Coffee Fattey Beer Co. Graylynn Misuta Chow's Starbucks Big Ditch Brewing Company Tappo Restaurant Tim Hortons Osteria 166 Lucky Day Whiskey Bar JJ's Casa Di Pizza City Fare Il Mulino Hatchets & Hops OSB Buffalo Deep South Taco



RECREATION

KeyBank Center (Buffalo Sabres)
Canalside (Buffalo Waterfront)
Sahlen Field
Lafayette Square
Road Less Traveled
Buffalo's Mohawk Place
Erie County Public Library
WNY Book Arts Center



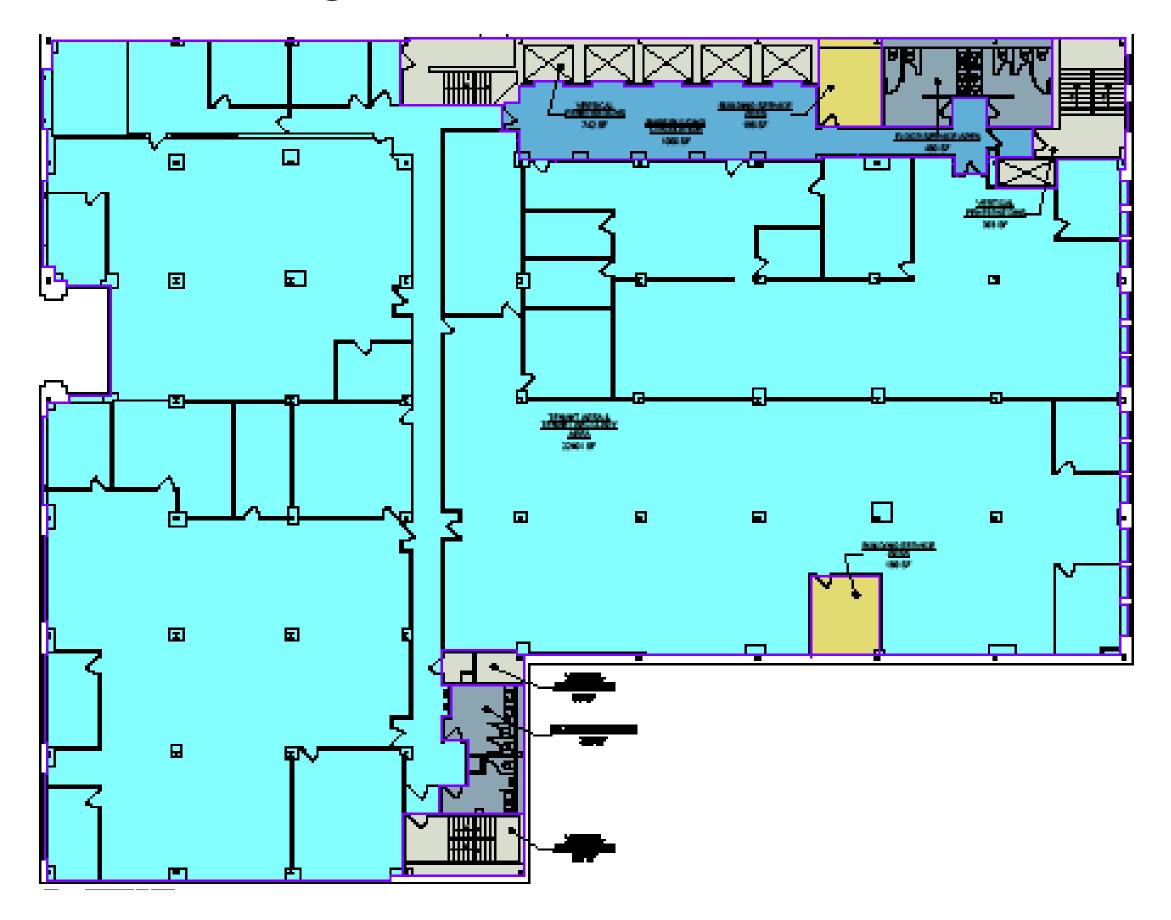
HOTELS

Hampton Inn & Suites
Hyatt Regency
Buffalo Marriott at LECOM
Courtyard by Marriott
Hotel at the Lafayette
Hilton Garden Inn



OTHER BUSINESSES
M&T Bank
Buffalo City Hall
NFTA Metro/Bus Hub
Greyhound Bus Station
Amtrak Station
Realm
Noble Root

Lafayette Court Building - Second Floor



Lafayette Court Building Building Amenities



















Newly Renovated Lobby
Fitness Center
New Food Options
Refreshed Entrances
24/7 Security
Downtown Buffalo Location
Public Art
ATM Onsite
New Elevators

Interactive Tenant Directories

Fast Facts Lafayette Court Building

Class A Commercial Space

Year Built: 1903

Most Recent Renovation: 2023

Building Size: 190,000 SF

28,948 SF Floor Plates

91 Walk Score

69 Transit Score

88 Bike Score



Lafayette Court Building Lobby Renovation







