

**LOCATION**

New Haven, CT

**OWNER**

Northside Development Company

**DELIVERY METHOD**

General Contracting

**ARCHITECT**

Kenneth Boroson Architects

## 195 CHURCH STREET – LOBBY RENOVATION

### *A lobby modernization welcomes a growing and thriving business community*

*“We want to make 195 Church Street the first choice for new tenants coming into the New Haven market while creating a more attractive space for existing clients.”*

— Paul Denz, President Northside Development

In early 2017, Milestone went to work helping Denz fulfill his vision for this iconic building, beginning with a lobby renovation that transformed the original and outdated 1970s motif into a modern and welcoming entry point. The original walls, as well as the flooring of the lobby and adjoining spaces, had been covered in a polished gray and pink-hued Stony Creek granite, harvested from the local Branford quarry. To offset the abundance of the granite and provide a more contemporary feel, the designer specified a wood veneered Marlite panel system for the walls.

Marlite panels use a framing system that required special care to affix it to the granite surface. With heavy lobby traffic on any given day, Milestone took extra safety precautions. We did the heaviest work in the early morning hours and later into the evening to avoid the coming and going of building occupants. Saturdays too were often workdays for the Milestone crew, so that scaffolding and equipment could be moved and used uninterrupted, and reduce associated risks.

Installing new lighting, ceilings and a glass railing system on the lobby balcony also contributed the building’s modernization. And the upgrades go beyond the building itself... As noted by New Haven’s Mayor Toni Harp in an article by the Middletown Press, the improvements to the building “are visible reminders of New Haven’s growing and thriving business community.”

