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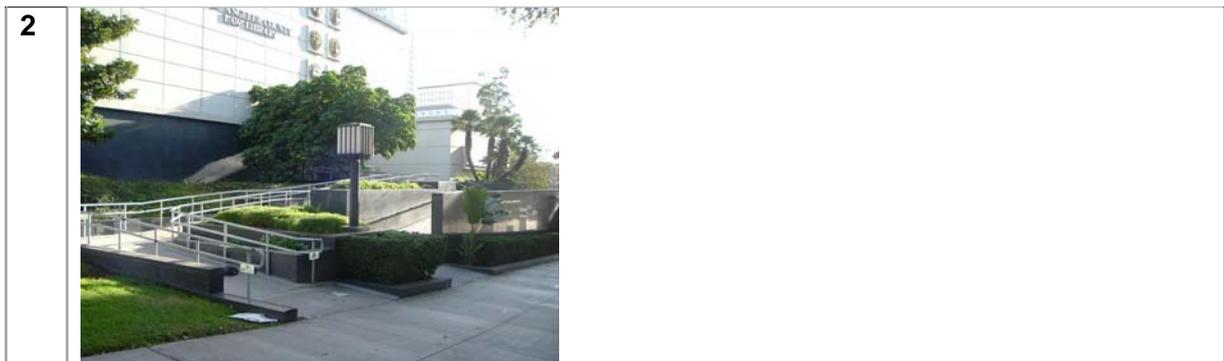
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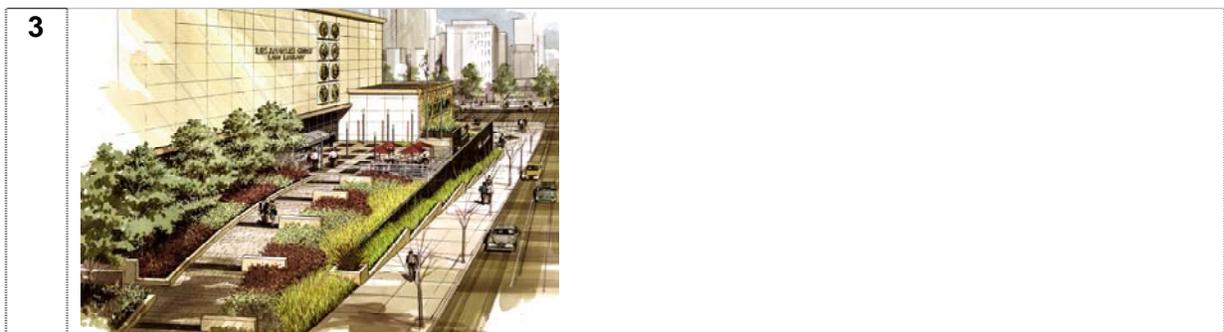
**Project:** LA Law Library



Overall site plan shows the seamless ADA access design to the site from Hill Street and Broadway and new staircase design that “opens” visibility and access to Broadway. (see image #7 for old staircase layout) This color rendering shows an early version of dark granite insets forming squares in the hardscape pattern. This was later changed to a pattern of light and dark concrete bands.



Before image of the two ADA access ramps off of First Street both of which no longer met current code. The complex nature of the building to the hilly site made ADA access a central element of the new design solution.



Perspective rendering looking east from the corner of Hill and First Street depicts the connectivity of the curved sloping walkway from the upper edge of the site at Hill Street to Broadway at the lower end. This concept provided a path of travel that was ADA code compliant, without handrails and not to separate one user from another.

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A series of spaces unfold along the walk including an entrance plaza that accommodates library programs and other functions. Repetitive 'fin' walls along the walk punctuate smaller garden spaces that provide for informal seating and conversation.

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The walkway signifies a seamless integration of pedestrian access for all pedestrians regardless of disability.

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The Landscape Architects design philosophy was highly focused on sustainability - integrating drought tolerant, low maintenance planting that provided color and softened the streetscape. This landscape has created a comfortable environment for all user and stakeholders, while also maintaining security.

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Before image of the existing stairs and stepped planters off of First Street, built in the 1960's, which had "blind spots" that visually closed access to the front of the building.

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Perspective rendering looking north from the corner of First Street and Broadway depicts the overall renovations to the Library and illustrates how the new steps "open up the site" for better visual safety and access to the front entrance.

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The new refaced granite planter wall needed to match the original granite façade of the building from the 1960's. Note the new library logo on the granite wall. This also was a part of a complete "house" makeover to bring the LA Law Library into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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Detail image of the Landscape Architects effort in coordinating refurbished & repainted finishes to the the building with the landscape finishes, planting and lighting.