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SOUTH HALL * Facts

- (Cover) Like the beautiful chandeliers hanging in South Hall's four-story tower, the new building successfully blends old and new design styles.

- South Hall, the School's first new classroom building since the Quad was completed, adds 100,000 square feet to the historic complex.

- The granite on South Hall’s exterior comes from Plymouth Quarries in Hingham, Massachusetts—which also furnished the stone for the original Law Quad buildings in the 1920s and 1930s.

- Some of the Hutchins Hall windows featuring whimsical, law-related themes, removed to build one wall of the Robert B. Aikens Commons, have been preserved as the glass in the doorways in South Hall's student lounge.

- South Hall is multipurpose, containing classrooms, seminar rooms, a wing for the clinical program, faculty offices, student services, and administrative offices.

- The classrooms are flexible enough to allow a wide range of teaching and learning styles, from the Socratic method to small-group discussions and even videoconferencing.

- All five classrooms and three seminar rooms in South Hall have high-tech features that include touch-panel control systems, document cameras, a touch screen that allows professors to annotate projected documents, and much more.

- Offices on the building's third floor will give faculty easy access to the places where they teach: the clinical suites, classrooms and seminar rooms on South Hall's first and main levels, and classrooms and seminar rooms throughout Hutchins Hall.

- South Hall includes a professional home base for the clinical programs, in which more than half of Michigan Law students enroll, and which assist hundreds of clients every year.

- For the first time in more than a decade, the Offices of Career Planning, Financial Aid, and Admissions will be under one roof, for the convenience of students and prospective students.

- Responsible environmental practices have been used in constructing South Hall, and sustainability will be a hallmark of the building. The Law School is seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for South Hall.
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South Hall

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