Students, faculty and staff are reaping the rewards of a recent renovation to the law school’s primary building. Almost 4,000 sq. ft. of additional building space was captured by enclosing the law school’s Sutherland Courtyard with multifunctional corridors.

Designed primarily for student use, these changes were made to repurpose underutilized areas and to address the overcrowding of public spaces.

Among the newly created areas are: a beautiful, yet functional, courtyard; a large student lounge (which houses a Jittery Joe’s Coffee shop); seven group study/interview rooms; a greatly expanded and upgraded locker room and additional student organization offices.

The use of black granite and white marble dramatically enhanced the law library entrance and the hallways located in the north end of the building.

Likewise, the installation of a glass wall spanning three floors and an underlit grand staircase opened up the facility to natural light as well as provided wider walkways and supplemental gathering spaces, promoting increased student-faculty interaction.

The three-story glass wall provides views of the Sutherland Courtyard, now one of the highlights of the law school’s facilities.

Featuring silver cloud granite benches and flooring, outside seating and lighting as well as a water fountain, this private courtyard has become a popular spot for studying, gathering with friends, meeting with professors or just taking a break from the day.

Plans for carrying this new look and improved functionality throughout the rest of the law school’s primary building are still under development, with this summer’s renovations to focus on the rotunda area, including the cupola.

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PHOTOS: A — A view of the law school’s three-story glass wall from the Sutherland Courtyard. B — The Sutherland Courtyard is now a favored study space at the law school. C — The use of white marble and black granite enhances this wider passageway and gathering space on the bottom floor. D — One of the seven new group study/interview rooms. E — When enclosing the courtyard, builders captured space on both sides of the open area. A lounge area and meeting rooms were created on one side, while a wide corridor with seating was constructed on the other. F — A view of the third floor hallway showing the grand staircase and glass wall with views of the Sutherland Courtyard. G — The fountain in the courtyard greatly adds to the atmosphere of this private space for the law school community. H — The new student lounge area. I — A view of the Sutherland Courtyard from the patio.
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To view more photos or watch a video of last summer’s renovation, please visit www.law.uga.edu/building-future.