

120 North LaSalle



Identification

EBN	116946
Name	120 North LaSalle
Alternative Name	Savings of America Tower
Construction Type	skyscraper
Current Status	existing [completed]


Location

Continent Name	North America	District (2nd level)	Loop
Country Name	U.S.A.	Postcode	60602
State Name	Illinois	Address (as text)	120 North LaSalle
Metro Area Name	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City Combined Statistical Area	Main Address	120 North LaSalle Street

City Name	Chicago	Virtual Address	121 North Wells Street
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District (1st level) Downtown

Description

Structural Material	concrete	Architectural style	modernism
Facade Material	granite	Main Usage	commercial office
Facade Color	white light gray	Side Usage	service branch(es)  parking

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	501.01 ft	Height (roof)	501.01 ft
Height (tip)	501.01 ft	Floors (overground)	39

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1989	Year (construction end)	1992
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Features & Amenities

- Pedway access is available
- Public parking is available

Facts

- Two shades of granite form stripes on the facade, one of Jahn's trademarks. The windows are also striped, as is the pavement of the alley to the north.
- Situated in mid-block, the building cuts all the way through to Wells Street on the west, with a small garage at the back end.
- The lobby is connected to the City Hall & County Building by an underground pedway.
- The lower part of the base is clad in exaggerated layers of granite, a modern version of the rusticated stone often used at the base of old banks and civic buildings to convey stability.

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- Like the Inland Steel Building, this building's mechanical and service areas are concentrated in an adjoining tower (on the southeast corner) which frees up the remainder of the floorplates for office use.
- This was the last skyscraper by architect Helmut Jahn to be built in Chicago for a 15-year period, until 600 North Fairbanks was completed in 2007.
- The right side of the mosaic over the entrance features gray and white bands echoing the granite trellis. At first glance this appears to be the architect's work but it is part of Roger Brown's design.
- An additional mosaic by Roger Brown titled "LaSalle Corridor Withholding Pattern" is located in the lobby.
- Projecting grids with rectangular holes hang over the entrance, under the outcropping of the front bay, and along the alley for an entire block. Each one is oriented in a different direction and a different plane for a full three-dimensional effect.
- The tower has a unique shape incorporating quarter-arcs in four places: the vaulted roof, the top of the elevator bustle, the projecting bay of the main façade, and the mosaic wall over the entrance.
- The entrance is sheltered by a Roger Brown mosaic, "The Flight of Daedalus and Icarus".

Certificates

Name	Level	Year	Status
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	Gold	2016	Certified
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	Gold	2014	Certified
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	Gold	2011	Certified

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