Project Summary

Harvard Law School’s Wasserstein Hall, Caspersen Student Center, Clinical Wing building (WCC) has received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – New Construction (LEED-NC) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The WCC—a new facility that houses approximately 250,000 square feet of innovative classrooms and student space—is a model of a “green” building, and is part of the Law School’s and Harvard’s commitment to reducing environmental impact and creating healthy buildings.

Project Highlights

- Rainwater capture system
- 95% of the waste that was created during construction was recycled.
- Sensors that automatically shut off ventilation when windows are open, as well as carbon-dioxide sensors that adjust ventilation according to the number of people in the room.
- Lighting throughout the building is energy-efficient and has occupancy and daylight sensors.
- Windows in the building are “high-performance” and allow more heating from the sun depending on the outside temperature.
- There are filtered water stations throughout the building and the wood throughout WCC was sustainably harvested.