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## Law Courts Precinct



B0115 Supreme Court



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### Location

192-228 William Street and 462-498 Little Bourke Street, MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

### Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

### Level of significance

National

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1514

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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Designed by the architects, Smith & Johnson in 1873 in the Classical style with Italian influence, foundation work commenced in 1874 and the first court sitting was held in 1884.

The very large two storey hollow square block of buildings occupies half a city block; William Street between Lonsdale and Little Bourke Streets. It includes administrative offices, Judges' Chambers and court rooms and encloses a courtyard from which rises the free standing Supreme Court Library beneath the finely proportioned dome (separately classified B1078).

The exterior shows the excellent carving of the Tasmanian sandstone and the Malmsbury bluestone base and

internally the floor mounted gasolier (now electric) in the centre of the library, the very elaborate moulded plasterwork on walls and ceilings, and the robust detailing of the benches, Judges' canopies, cedar panelling are particularly noteworthy.

Classified: 'State' 05/06/1958.

Revised:10/10/1977

See also B1078 Supreme Court Library.

Other Names      Supreme Court Of Victoria,

Hermes Number    65867

Property Number

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