

The Supreme Court of Iceland



Earth work, concrete work, interior and exterior finishes with custom made furnishings. The Supreme Court of Iceland is a 2.600 m² building on three floors, a basement and an underground car park. The exterior of the building has a cladding of copper, cut gabbro and cut dolerite.

The building is tallest and widest at one end to fit the building best into its surroundings. For that purpose the form is twisted, turned and curved so it is in perfect proportion with the surrounding buildings that include the National Theatre of Iceland and the Ministry of Finance, Arnarhvoll. The exterior material is in perfect harmony with the surrounding buildings from dark grey of the theatre to the brownish shell sand exterior of the ministry and in contrast with the off white of the nearby museum building. These colours are all impartial colours that according to the architects form an especially good background to the sea green colour of the copper façade.

The building won the a 1st price in an architectural contest.

Customer:

The Supreme Court of Iceland

Project start:

October 1994

Project manager:

Saevar Thorbjornsson

Structural engineering:

Linuhonnun now Efla

HVAC engineering:

Almenna Consulting Engineers

Architects:

Studio Grandi

Project finish:

August 1996

Site manager:

Konrad Sigurdsson

Agust Gunnarsson

Electrical engineering:

Rafteikning now Verkis

Project supervision:

Reykjavik city engineers

