

VOLS, Volunteers of Legal Service ***40 Worth St., New York, NY***

For more than 30 years, VOLS, Volunteers of Legal Service, a non-profit law firm, has been recruiting and training lawyers from leading firms to volunteer and provide pro-bono legal services to New York's neediest residents. When VOLS relocated its offices to New York's Civic Center, they engaged BGA to assist them with the office design. Challenged with a tight construction budget, a relatively small 3,000 S.F. space and the need to plan for future growth, BGA developed a compelling solution.

Aspects of the project included:



- Minimizing new construction by revising many of the existing offices and creating two new office spaces from one larger space, thus keeping costs in check
- Maintaining the high ceilings and exposing the duct work, conduit and sprinkler pipes, which were painted white, to further create a "loft-like" feel
- The design of (2) large Open Work Areas with indirect lighting to enhance the sense of spaciousness and create an airy environment
- The use of light/neutral colors for the interior finishes, coupled with the selection of accent colors for the walls and doors
- The selection of dark, patterned carpet to provide a dramatic contrast to the light/neutral interior finishes

