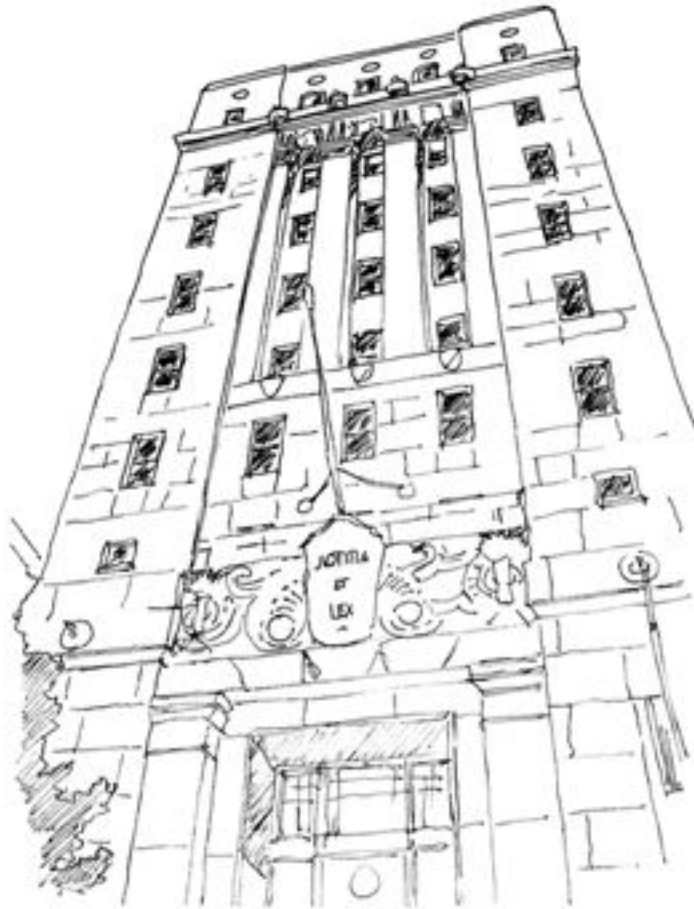


Reading Courthouse - Reading, PA



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The stone clad building was put up around 1931 in the Art Deco style of the time. It was designed by Architect Miles Boyer Dechant. Miles originally wanted to personally hand paint a mural in the Courthouse, but it never materialized. The courthouse is done in Art Deco, and is the only example of this esthetic among the State's courthouses.

There are three circulation systems in this building; one for the public, one for the county employees and one for prisoners. The two wings go up nine stories and the central building has nineteen stories. There are bas-reliefs above the entrances and around the top including large eagles on each side. The interior is also quite decorative and, on height alone, this is certainly one of the most impressive courthouses.