

New courthouse in Caen, France

Client

APIJ (Agence Publique pour
l'Immobilier de la Justice)

Selection method

Public private partnership (PPP)

Team

Groupe-6 (Architect) - Atlante gestion
(Investor) - Eiffage Immobilier
(Construction firm) - Eiffage Construction
(Construction firm)

Competition

2012

Surface area

9,600 m²

Location

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The architecture of the new law courts in Caen, at the centre of a huge urban regeneration scheme for the Presqu'île area, combines a sense of authority and benevolence. It casts itself as a theatre of contemporary justice that is more horizontal than vertical. The horizontality of the building echoes the outline of the

historic city, and the main entrance, leading from the lawn to the waiting room, directly links the heart of the new law courts with the city, at ground level. A fifth façade can be seen from the Abbaye aux Dames, with a canopy whose colours echo those of the city's rooftops.

