

Case Study: Moffitt Library, University of California, Berkeley





PROJECT DETAILS

Location:

Berkeley, CA

Architect:

Gensler Architects (Los Angeles)

Installing Distributor:

Service Metal Products (Oakland)

Products:

DuraLineSeries® Compact Laminate (CL) Phenolic Partitions

Features:

Gap-Free, Floor-to-Ceiling Doors & Stiles Extended Height Panels

Vendor:

Wilsonart

Color:

Blonde Echo 7939-60



NO PEEKING!

University administration specifically requested the toilet compartment doors and panels be constructed so that no individual could reach under or over with their cell phone or a "selfie stick."

Closing the Book on Privacy

No peeking. No gaps. No compromises.



Times are changing — privacy matters. It's why more and more institutions of higher education are incorporating privacy features into campus restrooms. It's also why California has become a pioneer in passing gender-inclusive bathroom legislation for public buildings.

In 2016, these trends converged on the Moffitt Library at the University of California, Berkeley. Originally designed in the 1960s, the University began to reimagine the library with help from Gensler Architects, a student advisory group and University administration.

While a gender-inclusive restroom design wasn't required by law, administration was clear: inclusivity and privacy could not be compromised.

Gensler worked closely with distributor Service Metal Products on the design and installation of "room-like" toilet compartments — constructed from Bobrick DuraLineSeries® Compact Laminate (CL) Phenolic material — featuring high-privacy, gap-free privacy doors and stiles with floor-to-ceiling doors and extended height panels to enhance user privacy, support gender-inclusive design and promote peace of mind.

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