



# Dickinson Wright

## CLIENT

Dickinson Wright

## LOCATION

180 E Broad St #3400  
Columbus, OH 43215

## CATEGORY

Work

## AREA

26,077 SF

## Classic design tailored to fit a forward thinking firm.

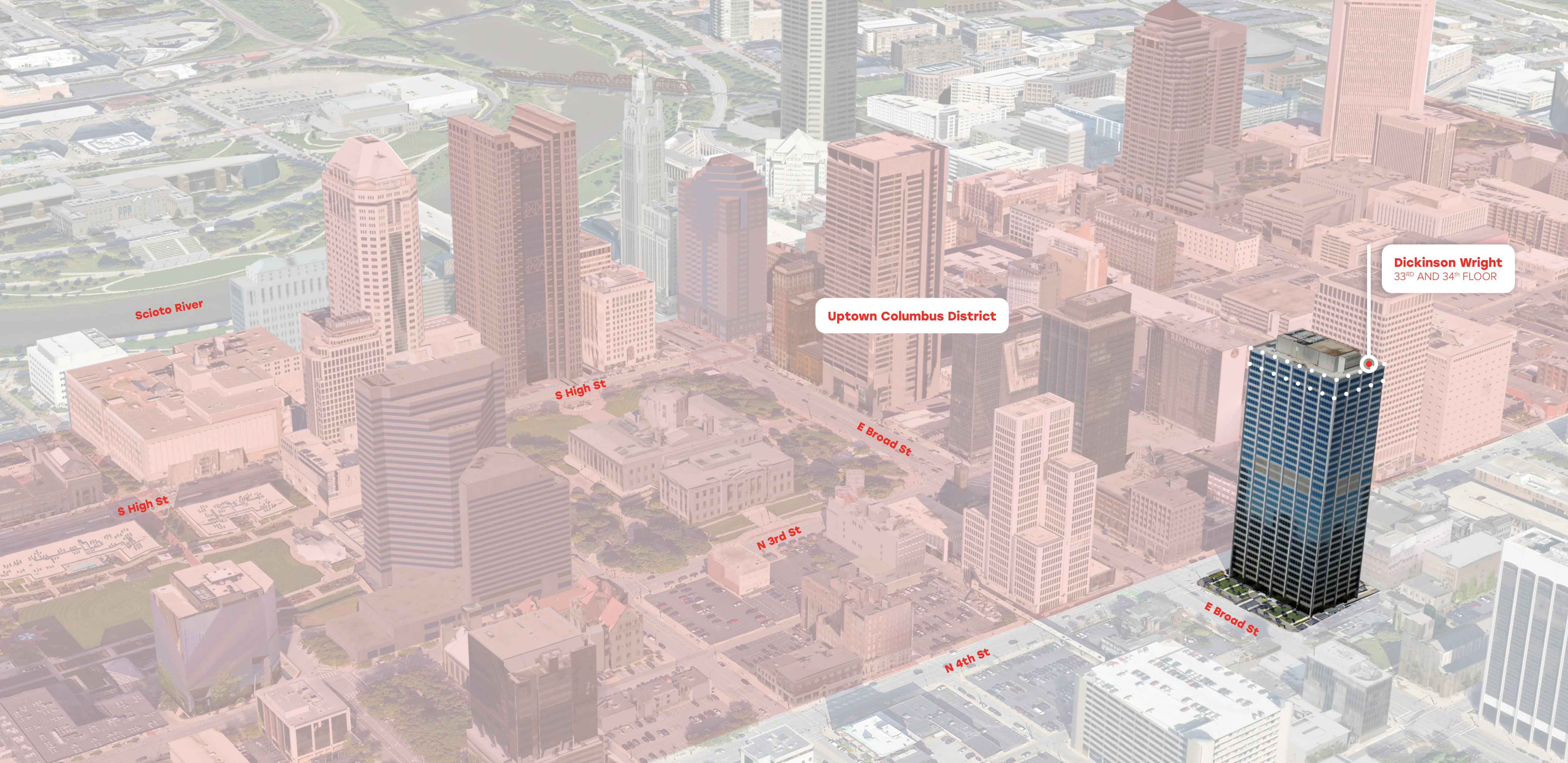
Dickinson Wright, a leading global law firm with a range of expertise, looked to find the perfect fit for their evolving office in Columbus. After evaluating several options based on current and future needs, the end location was chosen due to its proximity to downtown amenities, opportunity for connections amongst coworkers and breathtaking 360 views of the city. The top two floors in a prominent downtown high-rise is the perfect space for the firm to showcase their progressive business practices and reputation in the local market. The nature of Dickinson Wright's work presented a design

challenge for our design team - develop a harmonious space that balances the need for privacy with social areas that foster employee connection, collaboration and openness. In addition, the management team wanted to make sure that the space feels welcoming to all guests with nods to the local Midwest culture.

In response to this challenge, the design team came up with three main themes that are woven throughout the design inspired by the Dickinson Wright team and their work: classic and strategically

framed moments, soft curves that have a sense of sophistication and poise, and tailored, refined details with a nod to menswear. Strong bold finishes are carried throughout and softened with arching lines, warm matte tones and blonde tambour wood finishes. Each space is elevated with touches of crystal, metallics, and quartz that exude confidence, poise, and refinement.

As an added layer to these themes, the design team worked hand in hand with a local art provider to select one-of-a-kind art pieces that represented a wide range of backgrounds.



**Dickinson Wright**  
33<sup>RD</sup> AND 34<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

**Uptown Columbus District**

Scioto River

S High St

E Broad St

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N 3rd St

E Broad St

N 4th St



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**A FRAMING ELEMENTS**  
Strong Finishes, Soft Curves

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Arched openings around the communicating stair not only frame the stair, but also frame moments beyond. Curated art pieces were strategically placed within the space tying to feature architectural elements.



**C MODERN MOSH PIT**  
Entertainment / Game Room

Despite being a traditional law firm, the end users wanted a space to foster collaboration, where they could gather outside of their individual private offices. There are three parts to the charmingly nicknamed “mosh pit”: the library, dining room, and the living room. This collaborative zone also features an intimate reading nook that supports flexible working with banquette seating and direct views of downtown Columbus.





**D** **URBAN TEXTURES  
AND MOOD**  
A Nod to Local Art

Located in the heart of Downtown, we wanted to incorporate urban textures and highlight pieces of local art. Dark textural wall covering wraps the building core areas. Built-in shelves are integrated into the bold black metal finish and cable rails of the staircase to create an elegant bar space perfect for hosting events. The design team toured a variety of local galleries and worked hand in hand with Columbus-based curators to select impactful art pieces to anchor the space.



**F A PLACE TO GATHER**  
Open Kitchen

A custom-designed island acts as the centerpiece to Dickinson Wright's cafe, creating a cozy place for large groups to dine together. This 15-ft long mill work piece required on-site assembly due to its large size, and doubles as a hub for catered events.



**E A PLACE TO GATHER**  
Informal Meeting /  
After Hours Lounge

Dickinson Wright was looking for a space to support their work-hard-play-hard culture. An informal meeting room by day and cocktail lounge by evening, this casual conference room is a space for employees and clients to unwind. The design team designed a herringbone wood patterned floor to elevate the space and give it a residential feel. Materials were carefully selected to carry on the soft curves concept.



**THE DETAILS**  
Framing Elements

Throughout the end user's journey, soft architectural curves act as a frame for featured sight lines within the space. These tailored details are woven throughout the project, emphasizing the design concept.