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## City OKs \$172m expansion, renovation of Boston University School of Law

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(Boston Redevelopment Authority)

A rendering of the project.

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The city's redevelopment authority gave final approval Thursday night for a \$172-million project to expand and renovate the Boston University School of Law.

The 18-story law school building located at 765 Commonwealth Ave. was built in 1964, officials said.

Starting this winter, the university plans to rehabilitate the tower's exterior and renovate about 150,000 square feet inside, according to the city. The school also plans to build a 95,000 square foot addition on the building's west side and atop an existing one-story boiler plant building.

The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2015 and is expected to create about 1,000 construction jobs, the city said.

The renovation and expansion effort "will create learning and study space and update outdated facilities" is intended to make room for "formal and informal student social space, a dining area, group study facilities, and the expansion of the law school's professional education programs," according to a statement from the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

The city agency's board voted unanimously to approve the plans Thursday. The project had been approved previously under the university's 10-year institutional master plan for the decade ending in 2010, officials said.

Media mogul Sumner Redstone [recently donated](#) \$18 million to help fund the project.

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