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Conant Architects

The Mission: With closed offices circling the exterior and 66" solid-panel cubicles in the interior, Colgate-Palmolive, NY, wanted a re-design of its environment and hired **Conant Architects**, NYC, to enhance spatial efficiency, provide natural daylight views, and promote collaboration among employees.

The Result:

Conant Architects' team – **Lois Palguta**, Project Manager, **Kate Solis**, Project Architect, and **Sara Lass**, Project Designer – designed a space with flexible office dynamics and fluid physical workspace layouts, enabling organizational groups to change without the need to change walls. In the process, it reduced



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seven workplace standards to three.

The design significantly reduced the number of closed offices, and the newly installed workstations were 42" high, topped with an 18" glass to improve apparent openness within the space and facilitate interpersonal communication.

Touch down and open work areas were provided for meetings and collaborative gatherings and as part of the pattern of reducing barriers had previously limited interaction.

Conant Architects used the building's 20' column grid as a planning module, with the result that the open- and closed-office spaces became interchangeable. With the capabilities of Davies Office Refurbishing, Conant then refashioned existing Herman Miller workstations, adapting them to the new design intent without incurring the high cost of structural modifications. ■

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