

LANDMARK WEST!

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Yesterday, LANDMARK WEST! received the unfortunate (but not entirely surprising) news that two of our lawsuits challenging the sale and destruction of 2 Columbus Circle have been dismissed. Curiously, though, one court noted the City may have "technically" violated the law, as we charged, but in effect said, "So what?"

Still, we feel vindicated. Why? Because we are confident of the continued support of thousands of 2 CC devotees **and that our fight is the good fight** on behalf of all New Yorkers who have been shut out of the Bloomberg administration's decision-making process - not just for this building, but for every square inch of our city.

With the support of every major preservation organization in the city, state and nation, rest assured that we will aggressively explore all of our options. We have a case pending against the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission for failure to produce documents - subject to the Freedom of Information Act - related to its internal decision not to hold a public hearing on 2 Columbus Circle.

Meanwhile, the public pall over the Museum of Arts and Design's plans to demolish acclaimed architect Edward Durell Stone's world-famous design casts an ever-widening shadow. MAD's rush to destroy this remarkable work of 20th-century design, not to mention the City's extreme efforts to pave the way, speaks for itself.

It's a helluva system, but the fight will go on!

We will probably be judged not by the monuments we build but by those we have destroyed."
New York Times, in response to 1963 demolition of Pennsylvania Station