University of Toronto Dean's Conference Room

The existing conference room needed both an aesthetic renewal and retrofit as a state-of-the-art video-conferencing facility. Because of the tight timeframe, we only considered materials/vendors who could meet the schedule and expectations regarding aesthetics and durability. Other key goals included achieving a signature space for the department that related to the Medical Sciences building in which the conference room is housed.

Reflecting the distinctive precast concrete exterior of the building, the ribbed oak wall surface was refinished and provides a textural counterpoint to the sleek Calacatta marble-topped credenza and the other elements in the space. Eames Aluminum Group Management chairs in white leather surround an impressively scaled custom-designed conference table fabricated in rift-cut white oak. An attractive new lighting strategy involved the replacement of the cove fixtures above the conference table, and mechanized controls for lighting, drapery and A/V components are integrated not only into the wall but the conference table.

LOCATION Toronto ON SCOPE Interior Renovation SIZE 1,300 sf COMPLETION 2011

