

CHICAGO LANDMARKS



2010 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

1444 North Astor Astor Street District Exterior and Interior Restoration

Recipients: Randa & Gregory Dumanian

Situated in the Near North Side of the city, the Astor Street District reflects the fashionable architectural styles built by Chicago's wealthy families over a period of more than 60 years. This town house residence was built in 1929 and designed by noted architects Holabird and Root in the Art-Deco style. When the current owners purchased the property twelve years ago, the building had been converted into smaller apartments, and the façade was significantly deteriorated. The exterior work included repair and replacement of the stone, originally quarried in France; reconstructing the structurally-failing bay window; and restoring the steel-and-leaded-glass casement windows. The multiple layers of paint on the bay's metal exterior were carefully stripped, and the intricate detailing derived from palms, ferns, and plants are now once again evident. Extensive interior work was also undertaken. The Astor Street District was designated as a Chicago Landmark on April 18, 1985.



BEFORE

Courtesy of Barbara Crane



DETERIORATED STEEL WINDOW



AFTER



City of Chicago
Richard M. Daley, Mayor

Department of Zoning and Land Use Planning
Patricia A. Scudiero, Commissioner