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 Carpet ◊ Bentley Mills  
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Carpet tiles ◊ Milliken & Company  
 Carpet ◊ Bentley Mills  
 Seating ◊ Dunbar  
 Upholstery ◊ Brickel Associates  
 Coffee table ◊ Breuton  
 Planters ◊ Architectural Supplements  
 Accessories ◊ McDonald Products  
 Desk ◊ Reff Corporation  
 Desk chairs ◊ Domore  
 Chair upholstery ◊ Carnegie  
 Visitor chairs ◊ Helikon  
 Chair upholstery ◊ Knoll International  
 Photography by Charles McGrath



#### REPUBLICBANK, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

As the lead tenant in the first contemporary high-rise office building in a small industrial community between Dallas and Fort Worth, the RepublicBank in Grand Prairie had to make a strong first impression. Management wanted to establish an image commensurate with its stature as a member of one of the largest bank holding companies in Texas, but it also wanted an environment that its customers could feel comfortable with. To achieve these goals, the bank engaged HKCP/The Interiors Group. Understanding their parameters, the design team of Peter Winters, Grady Jennings, and Debra Abraham were given a free hand to design the two-story space.

The designers chose suede wall-coverings, bordered carpet tile, granite, and oak for the public spaces to project an atmosphere of quiet elegance. The bank's corporate colors of gray and blue are repeated throughout the interior, enlivened by splashes of

cranberry and warm wood tones.

Entry to the second floor is gained by a grand carpeted staircase with glass and acrylic railings. This major architectural statement emphasizes customer accessibility to the executive offices on the second floor. To further enhance the space, there is a vaulted skylight to make the most of natural light. Customers also are encouraged to enjoy the art gallery on the second floor, which features prints and bronze sculptures by American artists. The board room, on this level, is designed around the finest in audiovisual equipment.

Positive community reaction prompts Charles Grimes, RepublicBank president and CEO, to conclude that his bank has taken the first step toward creating an image that may encourage the development and upgrading of facilities by other businesses in Grand Prairie. If this occurs, then the design team from HKCP/The Interiors Group has most certainly contributed to the well-being of banking in this community.