

Coury Collection to Manage Historical McBirney Mansion

The Coury Collection, a Tulsa-based hospitality development and management unit specializing in boutique historic properties, announces it has been selected to oversee operation of Tulsa's landmark McBirney Mansion and has plans to upgrade the 83-year-old inn's amenities and grounds.

"We're pleased and honored to be tapped to manage one of Tulsa's architectural gems," says Paul Coury, president of The Coury Collection. "While the McBirney Mansion is in good condition, we plan to implement several upgrades in the coming months to simply 'refresh' the property in ways that will improve guests' experience while staying true to the integrity of the mansion."

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 12,000-square-foot mansion was built in 1927 by Tulsa pioneer James H. McBirney at 1414 S. Galveston, overlooking the Arkansas River. After years as a private residence, it housed law offices and a medical clinic before becoming a six-bedroom bed and breakfast inn.

While WSL Properties, LLC, retains full ownership of the property, the Coury Collection will manage day-to-day inn operations and plans to incorporate new draperies, bed and bath linens and the Gilchrist & Soames line of luxury bath products. The mansion's banquet facility also will receive updates.

Since the transition in management, landscaping and outdoor furniture have been added to the mansion's event areas, which feature a pond and a natural spring.



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The mansion's carriage house will be remodeled as a private suite separate from the main inn.

Coury said there are no plans to increase the number of guest rooms or to add a spa or other amenities beyond the inn's existing structure. Under its new management, the mansion will cater to upscale business and leisure travelers and will continue to be available for corporate meetings and retreats and social events such as

weddings, rehearsal dinners, bridal luncheons and private dining.

The Coury Collection has more than 30 years of combined hospitality-related experience operating boutique historic properties such as its 1929 Hotel Ambassador in downtown Tulsa, restored and reopened in 1999 to be a 55-room, upscale boutique hotel. The firm also manages the 1910 Colcord Hotel, Oklahoma's first skyscraper, in downtown Oklahoma

City. Both hotels cater to upscale business and leisure travel patrons.

For more information about the McBirney Mansion, visit www.mcbirneymansion.com.

About the Coury Collection

The Coury Collection specializes in boutique hotel development and offers a full spectrum of consulting services that cover operations, fiscal reporting and forecasting, cus-

tomers identification, marketing, e-commerce and property management after a facility is opened. The firm can also assist from any point in a project's lifecycle. The Coury Collection's portfolio comprises three historic properties located throughout the state: the Hotel Ambassador and the McBirney Mansion in Tulsa and the Colcord Hotel in Oklahoma City. Visit www.courycollection.com for more information.