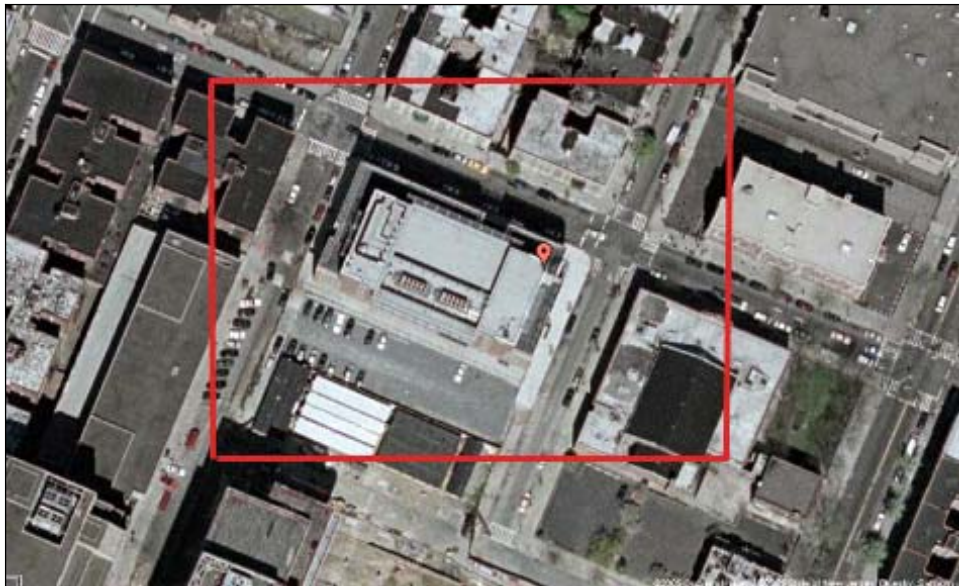


5.0 SITE & ARCHITECTURE

The Bronx School for Law is located at the Bronx Civic Center, the borough's main law, government and justice district. The school is situated between Sherman Avenue and Grant Avenue on 163rd Street, as shown in Figures 3. The students of the school participate in studies of the criminal justice system which allow them to be able to take advantage of the new Bronx Criminal Court Complex built on the adjacent site to the south. The Building is an architectural transition in scale from the court buildings to the south to the residential areas to the north, east and west. One feature of the building is that it relates to the surrounding neighborhood and still displays its own unique architectural elements.

Figure 3: Aerial View of Bronx School for Law



The school caters to students seeking careers in the legal profession; therefore it includes spaces that complement their learning. The school contains forensic labs, tri-facial labs, integrated learning court rooms, crime labs, an art studio, library, multipurpose rooms and kitchen /dining areas. The capacity of the school is for approximately 1,000 students, and has a total of 25 classrooms in addition to the specialty rooms listed above.

The structure consists of steel frame and concrete on metal deck. The lateral system consists of moment frames and concentric braces. The gym, which is located at the top of the building, is supported by an isolated floor over the structural floor, which eliminates all vibrations to the floors below.