



Construction and Engineering

As the cost and complexity of construction continue to dramatically increase, success depends on strategic advice that supports our clients' plans and mitigates risk.

The successful completion of any construction project depends on the quality of the project documents and ensuring that the project is delivered to the required standard, on budget and on time. We are experienced in all sectors of the construction and engineering industry including energy, infrastructure and development. We advise on all manner of procurement methods, from commercial developments to major international, domestic, civil and process engineering and energy projects.

We assist clients in analysing the risk profile of their projects and selecting the best type of delivery method for the project. After selection of the desired construction method, we assist clients in negotiating the contracts.

Disputes are a fact of life in the construction and engineering industry and we help clients avoid them by advising on potential issues at the earliest stages of projects. If a dispute does arise, we have skilled construction lawyers who can manage all of the litigation, arbitration, adjudication and alternative dispute resolution processes.

Find out more about our contentious capabilities.

CAPABILITIES

Contracts and advisory

Well-crafted contracts are key to legal risk management, minimizing the likelihood of disputes arising later in the project. Our contracts advisory service covers all aspects of contract drafting and negotiation, transaction due diligence and risk analysis and management. We have experience in the contracts used across all sectors including all the major standard forms of contract (including JCT, NEC, ICE, FIDIC and IChemE), adapting these to our clients' specific needs – controlling risk while maximizing profit.

Procurement

Procurement, tendering and competition procedures are vital components of construction and engineering projects. We assist clients in a wide range of sectors on the procurement, drafting, negotiation and management of alliancing and partnering arrangements and frameworks.

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Litigation and alternative dispute resolution

Disputes frequently arise in the construction industry. When our clients face a dispute situation that cannot be avoided, we help them develop the appropriate course of action. We advise and explore the wide range of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods with our clients before litigation becomes necessary. ADR is a cost-effective method of avoiding protracted and costly litigation proceedings, and many countries require parties to attempt ADR or mediation before taking a dispute to court. Should litigation be the only course of action, we guide our clients through the process.

International arbitration

International arbitrations are often the preferred route for large, complex, cross-border construction disputes and we are familiar with all of the major institutions including the ICC, AAA and LCIA and in conducting UNCITRAL arbitrations. Using our extensive international network we work seamlessly with other jurisdictions and overcome barriers such as the need to work in two or more languages.

Adjudication

Adjudication is a legally binding tribunal process. It is a fast, 28-day form of dispute resolution, but also one where both sides will incur legal and expert witness fees. There is also only one opportunity to present your case to the tribunal, with no opportunity to appeal decisions. Our contentious construction team includes lawyers with extensive experience of adjudication who can advise whether this is the right option for you, and navigate you through the complexities and nuance of the adjudication process.

EXPERIENCE

- One of the principal legal advisers for the Olympic Delivery Authority for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, including procurement and construction advice on the numerous venues and many of the infrastructure and transport projects undertaken on and around the Olympic Park.
- Advising Leonhard Nilsen & Sønner AS, one of Norway's largest construction companies, in a final settlement dispute against The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Transportation and Communications in respect of outstanding claims for tunnel and road construction contract work.
- Advising Jack Hills Iron Ore Mine, Western Australia on an iron ore mine expansion in Western Australia, in relation to the contracting and procurement strategy and drafting the EPCM Contract, mining contract and preparation of a suite of standard construction and procurement contracts.
- Advising Standard Bank of South Africa on the Nungua desalination plant in Ghana, the first desalination plant in western Africa.
- Advising Petroleo Brasileiro SA (Petrobras) on four large offshore oil field development projects in Angola.
- Acting for BP as the operator on the US\$4 billion Tangguh LNG project, including drafting and negotiating the EPC contract for the liquefaction plant and also for the two platforms and pipelines.
- Advising on the financing of the development, construction and operation of two port terminals on the Orinoco River, Venezuela.
- Advising two National Football League franchises in connection with the construction of their new football stadiums, including defense of two multimillion-dollar claims, negotiation of a complex closeout agreement and pursuit of substantial design claims.
- Advising both contractors and owners in connection with several renewable energy and power related projects.
- Advising contractors and owners in connection with several significant airport projects in multiple countries.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Time for Change: Construction in the GCC reaches a tipping point

14 NOV 2018

There are two sides to construction in the GCC. One is an industry that is known around the world for delivering some of the most ambitious and ostentatious projects ever seen. The other is an industry that has developed a reputation for being notoriously difficult

to work in.

Brexit Analysis

7 FEB 2018

The House of Commons Exiting the EU Select Committee has published the government's 39 Brexit sectoral reports, including its "Construction and Related Engineering Sector Report".

NEWS

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

Non-resident real estate investors bullish on Capital Gains Tax changes

19 MAR 2019

Non-resident real estate investors are holding their nerve on UK investment strategies despite impending capital gains tax (CGT) changes coming into force next month and uncertainty around Brexit. According to a DLA Piper report, more than half (58 percent) of those polled expect the new tax code will have no impact on their investment strategy.

DLA Piper makes Real Estate partner hire in Leeds

5 MAR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that hospitality and leisure lawyer, Susan Samuel, will be joining the firm as partner in its Real Estate practice, based in Leeds.

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global

basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

DLA Piper's Global Real Estate Annual *State of the Market Survey*

14 FEB 2019

According to DLA Piper's Global Real Estate's Annual *State of the Market Survey*, a significant shift in cross-border investment in US commercial real estate is taking place, with a new country predicted to become the major source of non-US capital for US commercial real estate.

DLA Piper grows Real Estate and Corporate team in Rome

24 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has added to its Real Estate and Corporate practice groups with three hires in Rome. Filippo Cecchetti, partner, joins together with Eleonora Laurito, legal director and Giulia Minetti Floccari, lawyer. All three hires come from Chiomenti Studio Legale where Filippo has worked as a partner since 2015.

DLA Piper further expands UK Construction team

30 AUG 2018

Global law firm DLA Piper has been joined by leading construction and infrastructure partner Sarah Thomas, along with four other lawyers.

DLA Piper Africa welcomes Zimbabwe member firm

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper Africa has announced that leading Zimbabwean law firm, Manokore Attorneys, is joining as the member firm in Zimbabwe.

DLA Piper wins two awards at the Property Investor Europe awards

15 JUN 2018

DLA Piper was awarded Law Firm of the Year - Overall, and Law Firm of the Year - Fund Formation at the Property Investor Europe awards, held on 14th June at the Plaisterer's Hall in the City of London.

DLA Piper advises Helaba on the financing of the acquisition of a German office portfolio

7 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has advised Helaba Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen (Helaba) on the financing of the acquisition of an office portfolio by Corpus Sireo Real Estate. The seller is Swiss Life and the parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price and the amount of financing.

DLA Piper advises Gazeley on leasing agreement for a new logistics property

7 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised Gazeley on the leasing of a new logistics building to Schneider Logistik, located in the Schwäbische Alb

business park in Geislingen/Steige, Germany.

DLA Piper advises Migdal on the acquisition of German light industrial portfolio for €56m

13 APR 2018

DLA Piper has advised the Israeli insurance company and pension manager, Migdal, on its acquisition of three light industrial properties in Germany from ThreadGreen Industrial for €55.7 million. Migdal completed the acquisition in association with Cording Real Estate Group, a German, UK and Benelux real estate investment and asset management firm.

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DLA Piper advises INP Deutschland on its sale of shares in INP North America to VINCI Energies Deutschland

23 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has advised INP Deutschland GmbH, an owner-run engineering company, on the sale of 55 per cent of its shares in INP North America Inc.

DLA Piper advises Asahi Shuzo in acquisition of site for its first sake brewing facility outside of Japan

20 MAR 2018

DLA Piper represented Asahi Shuzo Co., Ltd. in the acquisition of the site for the company's first sake brewing facility outside of Japan.

DLA Piper advises international banks as mandated lead arrangers on US\$175 million secured term loan facility

28 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised a consortium of five leading international banks led by Deutsche Bank AG as mandated lead arrangers in connection with a US\$ 175 million secured term loan facility to three Barbados borrowers, which indirectly own Excel Centre, a grade-A office tower with a total space of over 41,000 square meters located in Beijing's Financial Street.

DLA Piper advises Catella Real Estate on its acquisition of a mixed-use property in Moosach, Munich

11 JAN 2018

DLA Piper has advised the Munich-based investment manager, Catella Real Estate AG, on its acquisition of the mixed-use property "Moosach Center" located in Moosach, Munich, for "Catella BAVARIA", the open-end mutual real estate AIF. Completed in 2010, the fully let property located directly by Moosach station has a rentable floor space of approximately 7,100 square metres, and is used as office, hotel and retail space.

DLA Piper advises Allianz and ING on €160 million syndicate loan for CTP industrial property portfolio in the Czech Republic

6 Nov 2017

DLA Piper has advised Allianz and ING on a €160 million syndicate loan for the financing of a portfolio of industrial properties owned by CTP, a full-service commercial real estate developer and manager in the Czech Republic.

DLA Piper advises Schroder Real Estate on the acquisition of Hornbach store from M7

24 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised the asset manager Schroder Real Estate on the acquisition of a Hornbach store in the south of Braunschweig. The purchase price within the framework of a share deal amounted to €30 million. The seller of the property is M7 Real Estate (M7).

DLA Piper advises Aareal Bank on financing of £500 million Hilton Metropole hotels acquisition

2 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised Germany's Aareal Bank on its financing of London-based investor Henderson Park's debut acquisition in the UK hotel market. The £330 million loan supports Henderson Park's £500 million acquisition of the London and Birmingham Hilton Metropole hotels which completed last week.

CRE executives remain bullish, but optimism levels off: DLA Piper's 2017 *State of the Market Survey*

26 SEP 2017

Commercial real estate executives are largely bullish about the US market over the next 12 months, according to DLA Piper's 2017 *State of the Market Survey*. But their optimism continues to level off after the high points seen earlier this decade.

DLA Piper advises Dazzle Capital Holdings on the sale of commercial properties to Summit Germany Ltd.

7 Jul 2017

DLA Piper advised Dazzle Capital Holdings on the sale of a commercial property portfolio in Wolfsburg to Summit Germany Ltd. The portfolio comprises five clusters to the south and west of the city centre and, based on the individual property values, is worth some EUR 101 million and has a gross initial yield of 7.76%.

Real Estate Investment in Africa: is the honeymoon over?

26 Jun 2017

DLA Piper and CBRE have launched **their annual report** on real estate investment in Africa, which this year paints a picture of an attractive, if diverse, landscape for international investors.

The report follows a roundtable discussion hosted by CBRE and DLA Piper, and attended by leading African investment professionals and academics. Those present discussed the opportunities and challenges presented by factors including international geopolitical events, the oil price crash, and the increasing pace of urbanisation on the continent.

DLA Piper advises Barings on acquisition of Grade A office in Berlin Mitte

16 JUN 2017

DLA Piper has advised Barings Real Estate Advisers, part of Barings LLC, one of the world's largest diversified real estate investment managers on the acquisition of a fully let Grade A office building in Berlin "Mitte" from Westbrook Partners.

DLA Piper advises trio of lenders on financing Spurs' new stadium development

1 JUN 2017

DLA Piper has advised Goldman Sachs Bank USA, HSBC Bank plc and Bank of America Merrill Lynch International Limited on their financing of Tottenham Hotspur's new, multi-purpose, 61,500 seat stadium. The financing package consists of a £400,000,000 development term loan and a £25,000,000 revolving credit facility.
