



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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RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure

RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources

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 Nungwa 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

Public Law: COVID-19 - impact on FIDIC model contracts

20 May 2020

FIDIC offers an international model of contract conditions that is supposed to strike a fair balance between the parties and that offers harmonised contract management processes, fostering greater trust in international business relationships. Such trust may be

crucial in the current volatile situation of the COVID-19 crisis.

Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

Cost-cutting considerations in the time of COVID-19 (Part 3 – employment issues outside the US)

7 April 2020

A deeper dive into various cost-saving measures and their viability for employers outside the US.

COVID-19 and the "essential business" designation: Practical guidance for businesses that fall in the gray area between "essential" and "non-essential"

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

Beyond social distancing: What employers need to know to keep their workplaces safe and manage privacy obligations in the face of COVID-19

2 April 2020

Guidance from OSHA, EEO and CDC to help employers seeking to protect the health, safety and privacy of their on-site employees.

Coronavirus: Cybersecurity considerations for your newly remote workforce (United States)

31 March 2020

Cyber risk management involves balancing the productivity of a workforce with ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of the company's own systems and data, as well as that of their supply chain.

Coronavirus: DHS Response to COVID-19 - What US Employers Need to Know

29 March 2020

Key questions and answers related to the new DHS guidance.

Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures in the US - Part 1

25 March 2020

Key employment-related issues for US-based employers in relation to cost-saving measures due to COVID-19.

Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures (Part 2 – Employment issues outside the US)

25 March 2020

A general overview of key employment issues to consider outside of the US in light of COVID-19.

Coronavirus: Several state and local governments issue “shelter in place” orders (United States)

23 March 2020

Between March 17 and 22, state and local governments have promulgated at least a dozen “Stay-at-Home” / “Shelter-at-Home”-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

Coronavirus and construction: Q&A (United States)

19 March 2020

With the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) reaching pandemic levels across the world, construction industry clients have been particularly focused on how the outbreak will impact their ongoing and future developments.

Coronavirus and the US commercial real estate sector

13 March 2020

Considerations on the impact of COVID-19 on commercial real estate agreements already in place.

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) – potential effects on international arbitration, sale of goods, shipping and shipbuilding (AsiaPac)

10 February 2020

The current outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is causing widespread concern. This article will discuss the potential impact on international arbitration, sales of goods, shipping and shipbuilding contracts.

MEES: The only way is up

12 December 2019

In order to improve the energy performance of buildings in England and Wales, the Government is consulting on whether commercial properties should be required to achieve a minimum energy efficiency standard equal to an EPC rating of band B by 2030. The Government's consultation has raised the thresholds more than anyone expected.

Constructive Thinking Round-up - November 2018

4 DEC 2018

CONSTRUCTION GUIDES SERIES

Welcome to the November edition of our Constructive Thinking Round-up, DLA Piper's monthly guide to key developments in the Construction and Engineering sector.

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.

Constructive Thinking Round-up - October 2018

7 NOV 2018

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Constructive Thinking Round-up - August/September 2018

4 OCT 2018

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Constructive Thinking Round-up - July 2018

2 AUG 2018

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Events

Upcoming

UK Construction & Engineering Projects and COVID-19: Beyond force majeure notices

9 July 2020

Webinar

Previous

COVID-19 and construction: touching all the bases now

14 April 2020 | 1:30 – 2:30 ET

Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Katoen Natie on the acquisition of Nijhof Wassink

7 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Katoen Natie, an international logistics service provider and port operator, on the acquisition of the warehousing activities of Nijhof-Wassink in Poland, a family-owned company specialising in logistics.

DLA Piper advises PZU on office lease agreement in Generation Park Y

2 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Grupa PZU, one of the largest financial institution in Poland and CEE, on the lease of 47,000 m² of office, retail and warehouse space, in Generation Park Y.

DLA Piper advises Chris Stewart Group on management agreement with The Cheval Collection

29 May 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised the Chris Stewart Group on a management agreement with The Cheval Collection to manage two of its prestigious properties in Edinburgh, as part of its expansion into Scotland and long-term strategic vision for UK and international growth.

DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on the financing of the acquisition of Bishop's Square in Dublin by GLL Real Estate Partners

7 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised Allianz Real Estate GmbH, the real estate investment arm of Allianz Group, on the provision of financing to an investment vehicle managed by GLL Real Estate Partners for the purchase of Bishop's Square in Dublin, Ireland.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

DLA Piper advises Daiichi Sankyo on its new UK headquarters

22 April 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised pharmaceutical company Daiichi Sankyo UK, on the letting of its new UK headquarters, located in West London.

DLA Piper advises Elite Partners Capital on the acquisition of the logistics park in Mszczonów

24 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Elite Partners Capital on the purchase of five warehouse buildings covering a combined area of more than 200,000 square meters located in a logistics park situated in a fast developing logistics centre on the south-west of Warsaw, one of the largest logistics transactions so far this year.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

DLA Piper Ukraine advises food chain Billa on lease extension flagship store in the Bessarabskyi Market in Kyiv

21 February 2020

DLA Piper Ukraine real estate team has advised food chain Billa on securing a record 8-year lease extension agreement with Kyiv City Council for its flagship store in the Bessarabskyi Market in Kyiv.

DLA Piper advises on acquisition of Wood Street Police Station

10 February 2020

DLA Piper has advised Wood Street Hotel Limited, a subsidiary of Magnificent Hotels Investments Limited, on its acquisition of Wood Street Police Station in the heart of the City of London from The City Corporation.

DLA Piper advises Guala Closures Group on the acquisition of the assets of Germany's Closurelogic

6 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised the Guala Closures Group, one of the world leaders in the production of security closures for spirits and aluminium closures for wines, as well as one of the major world producer and distributor of aluminium closures for the beverage industry, on the acquisition of the activities of Closurelogic GmbH, the German producer specialised in the aluminium closures.

DLA Piper advises Hahn Group on sale of Campus Center Lübeck

18 December 2019

DLA Piper has advised Hahn Group on the sale of Campus Center Lübeck to real estate investment manager Nuveen Real Estate, which acquired the property for its German core retail platform.

DLA Piper advises Tilad on sale of Berlin office complex

5 November 2019

DLA Piper has advised Dubai based investment company Tilad on the sale of its Berlin office complex “Atrium Charlottenburg” to Hines.

Partner Joanne Owen returns to DLA Piper's Real Estate practice

30 October 2019

DLA Piper is welcoming back Joanne Owen as a partner in its London Real Estate practice on 4th November.

DLA Piper makes Real Estate partner hire in Birmingham

28 October 2019

DLA Piper is further strengthening its Real Estate practice with the appointment of Katie Jacobson as a partner in its Birmingham office. She joins the firm from Hogan Lovells and she will have a clear focus on advising institutional investors across the retail, office and industrial sectors.

CRE executives cautiously optimistic: DLA Piper's 2019 *State of the Market Survey*

24 September 2019

Despite concerns about a possible recession and the impact of global trade conflict, commercial real estate (CRE) executives are cautiously optimistic about the US CRE market over the next 12 months, according to DLA Piper's 2019 Global Real Estate *State of the Market Survey*.

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DLA Piper continues Irish expansion with appointment of four new partners

4 September 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners to its recently opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT), Tax and Real Estate. The new partners will be joined by three legal directors, as part of the firm's ongoing expansion in Ireland.

DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on the acquisition of EDGE Hafencity in Hamburg

2 August 2019

DLA Piper has advised Allianz Real Estate on its acquisition of the office property EDGE Hafencity as part of an off-market forward deal. EDGE HafenCity Hamburg will be a 15-storey building with a total lettable area of approximately 22,500 sqm.

DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce on acquisition of Siemens' eAircraft business

21 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of Siemens' electric and hybrid-electric aerospace propulsion activities, eAircraft. The acquisition will accelerate the delivery of Rolls-Royce's electrification strategy and boost its ambition to play a major role in the "third era" of aviation. The completion of the transaction is expected in late 2019, following a period of employee consultation.

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 advises GLO Properties on acquisition of ModeCentrum Hamburg

30 APR 2019

DLA Piper has advised GLO Properties S.à.r.l. (GLO) on its acquisition of ModeCentrum Hamburg (MCH) from the owner and operator, the Luserke family, for more than EUR 100 million.

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DLA Piper releases thought-provoking report on the future of Real Estate

26 MAR 2019

Today's publication release follows a roundtable discussion hosted by DLA Piper and Cloudscraper Exchange, attended by CEOs and senior professionals from major real estate companies.

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 boosts London Real Estate practice with key partner hire

11 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announces that Lorraine Reader will be joining as a partner in its Real Estate practice, based in London.

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.
