



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

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.

NEWS

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 announces new office and practice group leadership

9 March 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce several recent changes to the firm's US office and practice group leadership.

Matthew Alshouse joins DLA Piper's Real Estate practice in Chicago

24 JAN 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Matthew Alshouse has joined the firm's Real Estate practice as a partner in the Chicago office.

DLA Piper advises Phil Ruffin in closure of US\$825 million acquisition of Circus Circus

24 December 2019

DLA Piper represented real estate investor and Treasure Island owner Phil Ruffin in the recent closure of a US\$825 million acquisition of MGM Resorts International's Circus Circus hotel and casino property located on the Las Vegas Strip.

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.

Lynn Cadwalader named a *Law360* Hospitality MVP

2 December 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Lynn Cadwalader has been named a 2019 *Law360* Hospitality MVP.

DLA Piper achieves victory for Maryland Reclamation Associates

6 November 2019

DLA Piper recently achieved a victory for its client, Maryland Reclamation Associates, Inc. (MRA), in a case filed against Harford County, Maryland.

DLA Piper advises Phil Ruffin in US\$825 million acquisition of Circus Circus from MGM

16 October 2019

DLA Piper represented real estate investor and Treasure Island owner Phil Ruffin in the US\$825 million acquisition of MGM Resorts International's Circus Circus hotel and casino property located on the Las Vegas Strip.

DLA Piper partner Genève DuBois named to the *Daily Business Review's* Florida Trailblazers list

8 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Genève DuBois, a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice, has been named to the *Daily Business Review's* 2019 Florida Trailblazers list.

Jarrid King joins DLA Piper's Real Estate practice in New York

7 October 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Jarrid King has joined the firm's Real Estate practice as a partner in the New York office.

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 advises Clutter on its US\$152 million acquisition of the New York real estate portfolio of The Storage Fox

23 September 2019

DLA Piper represented Clutter, an on-demand a tech-enabled storage company that manages the pickup, storage and retrieval of customers' belongings, in its US\$152 million acquisition of the New York-based real estate portfolio of The Storage Fox.

Cara Nelson named to Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's 2019 Top Women of Law

2 August 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Cara Nelson has been named as one of the 2019 Top Women of Law by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.

Vivek Chavan joins DLA Piper's Real Estate practice in Northern California

3 July 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Vivek Chavan has joined the firm's Real Estate practice as a partner in Northern California, based out of the San Francisco office.

Mike Bedke receives 2019 Medal of Honor Award from The Florida Bar Foundation

28 June 2019

Mike Bedke, a DLA Piper Real Estate partner in the firm's Tampa and Miami offices, was one of two lawyers to receive the 2019 Medal of Honor Award from The Florida Bar Foundation.

DLA Piper's Thanos Matthai receives the American Bar Association's 2019 On The Rise - Top 40 Young Lawyers Award

28 June 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Boston-based associate Thanos Matthai has been selected by the American Bar Association for a 2019 On The Rise – Top 40 Young Lawyers Award.

DLA Piper receives Real Estate and Franchise *Who's Who Legal* awards, Jay Epstein named Real Estate Lawyer of the Year

20 MAY 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that *Who's Who Legal* has designated the firm as its Real Estate Firm of the Year and Franchise Firm of the Year, both for the 15th consecutive year.

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 Shorenstein in purchase and financing of office, retail and parking at MiamiCentral Station

13 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Shorenstein in the purchase and financing of the 2MC North Office Element and the 3MC Office, Retail and Parking Elements within MiamiCentral Station, a nine-acre mixed-use railroad station development complex known as Virgin MiamiCentral in downtown Miami.

DLA Piper advises Greenland Atlantic Yards in joint venture with Brodsky Organization

9 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented affiliates of Greenland Atlantic Yards, the developer of the 22-acre development known as Pacific Park in Brooklyn, New York, in a joint venture with the Brodsky Organization to develop a US\$640 million, 800,000-square-foot, 500-plus foot tall multi-use tower at 18 Sixth Avenue.

DLA Piper advises the International Center of Photography on the sale of its 250 Bowery location and the acquisition of its new location at Essex Crossing

8 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented the International Center of Photography (ICP) in connection with the sale of its 250 Bowery location, and the acquisition of its new location at Essex Crossing on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Jeff Diener joins DLA Piper's Real Estate practice in San Francisco

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Jeff Diener has joined the firm's Real Estate team as a partner in San Francisco.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

30 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announced that 158 of the firm's lawyers and 64 of its practices were ranked in *Chambers USA's* 2019 guide.

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DLA Piper advises the New York County Lawyers Association on sale of current headquarters at 14 Vesey Street

and lease for new headquarters at 28 Liberty

18 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) in connection with the sale of its current headquarters at 14 Vesey Street and its new lease at 28 Liberty Street.

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.

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 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 Partner Jerold Neuman installed as board chair of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

1 FEB 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jerold "Jerry" Neuman, a Real Estate partner in the firm's Los Angeles office, was installed as the 2019 Chair of the Board of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce at the organization's 2019 Inaugural Dinner.

Jerold Neuman to be installed as board chair of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

31 JAN 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jerold "Jerry" Neuman will be installed this evening as the 2019 Chair of the Board of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

DLA Piper announces launch of PropTech practice

23 JAN 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its PropTech practice, which will enable the firm to better advise clients working at the intersection of the Real Estate and Technology sectors and further the firm's mission as the leading global business law firm.

Fonda Duvanel joins DLA Piper's Real Estate practice in New York

3 DEC 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Fonda Duvanel has joined the firm's Real Estate practice as of counsel in New York.

Chris M. Smith joins DLA Piper's Real Estate practice in New York

1 NOV 2018

DLA Piper announced today that Chris M. Smith has joined the firm's Real Estate practice as a partner in New York. He will serve as co-chair of the New York Real Estate practice.

DLA Piper advises ASB Real Estate Investments in the US\$194.5 million sale of 400 Madison Avenue

30 OCT 2018

DLA Piper represented ASB Real Estate Investments (ASB) in the recent sale of 400 Madison Avenue, a 180,000-square-foot office building near New York City's Grand Central Station, for US\$194.5 million to Daishin Securities.

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.

Mike Bedke awarded Florida Bar Association service award

22 JUN 2018

Mike Bedke, a Real Estate partner in the DLA Piper Miami office, was awarded the John Arthur Jones Annual Service Award by the Florida Bar Association's Real Property, Probate and Trust Law section (RPPTL).

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 represents W.P. Carey in merger with Corporate Property Associates 17

18 JUN 2018

DLA Piper represented W.P. Carey Inc. (NYSE: WPC), a publicly-traded, net lease REIT, in connection with its entry into a merger agreement with Corporate Property Associates 17 — Global Incorporated, a publicly-held, non-traded REIT.

DLA Piper advises on redevelopment of Cook County Hospital building in Chicago

31 MAY 2018

DLA Piper represented Chicago real estate firms Murphy Development, Walsh Investors and MB Real Estate and Canada-based Plenary Group in connection with the redevelopment of the Old Cook County Hospital building as the first phase of a multi-phase development.
