



Real Estate

Real estate has emerged as an attractive long-term investment for investors seeking diversification and stable yields in an uncertain economy. As a sector, real estate must both compete with other investment classes and offer a desirable product to end-users whether they are buying or leasing. In addition, many traditional real estate investors are looking to acquire portfolios that transcend borders resulting in the emergence of a global real estate industry.

DLA Piper's global team of 600 lawyers devoted to the real estate sector assists clients throughout the entire life cycle of their investments, wherever in the world the business takes them. We understand the business of real estate, and that understanding is fundamental to our reputation as multidisciplinary deal facilitators.

We offer a full range of real estate services in areas including financing, fund formation, acquisitions and disposals, tax efficiency, land use, environmental law, planning and development, construction and leasing. Our clients benefit from our significant experience in orchestrating high value, long-term projects that involve complex structuring, facilitating negotiations, ensuring tax efficiency, navigating legal and regulatory issues and, when necessary, litigating on their behalf.

- **The Walt Disney Company** in the real estate portion of its US\$71.3 billion acquisition of 21st Century Fox, involving over 350 properties worldwide
- **A Canadian pension fund** in its US\$4.0 billion acquisition of a 180-property logistics portfolio and related management platform
- **North American Properties** in its US\$2.5 billion residential, retail, entertainment, marina, office and hotel development project in New Jersey, one of the largest mixed-use projects in that state's history
- **ASB Capital Management** in the acquisition and subsequent sale of its US\$1.8 billion US data center business
- **Cottonwood Management** in all aspects of its US\$900 million development of Echelon Seaport, one of the largest development projects in Boston. The project includes 733 luxury condominiums and apartments in three towers built over a 125,000 square foot retail podium
- **AEW Capital Management** with respect to joint ventures (including platform/strategic joint ventures), acquisitions, financings and sales of office, multifamily, logistics and retail properties throughout the US, including the US\$385 million acquisition of a private REIT that owns a prominent office tower in New York City
- **Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, Inc.** in the issuance by Blackstone's first non-traded REIT of up to US\$5 billion of common stock

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- **Harrison Street Real Estate Capital** in its US\$1.9 billion acquisition of Campus Crest Communities, Inc.
- **Bank of Nova Scotia** in the US\$3.75 billion financing of the Las Vegas Sands in Macau, PRC and the US\$1.25 billion financing of the Las Vegas Sands in Las Vegas, Nevada
- **A state-owned enterprise** in a joint venture for a US\$5 billion mixed use development project in New York
- **Mirae Asset Global Investments** in the US\$780 million acquisition of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii
- **Oxford Properties Group** in the joint venture and development of a US\$2.1 billion office project in New York
- **Union Investment Real Estate GmbH** in its US\$330.2 million acquisition of the Midtown21 office building in Seattle
- **Blackstone Real Estate Group** in the acquisition of 12 hotels with an aggregate purchase price of more than US\$400 million
- **The Atlanta Braves** in the development of a new 57-acre stadium site and surrounding mixed-use development known as The Battery Atlanta™, including office, retail, residential, hotel and entertainment components that feature entertainment districts containing an additional concert/theatre venue
- **A Canadian pension fund** in a complex joint venture for the acquisition of a trophy office building in New York, in part through the acquisition of a Panamanian company
- **Blackstone** in the acquisition of a €536 million logistics portfolio in 40 locations across Cyprus, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland and the UK
- **CBRE Global Investors** in the refinancing of its logistics pan-European fund covering seven countries (France, Luxembourg, Germany, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and Belgium)
- **Aareal Bank AG** in an up to €1 billion pan-European real estate loan to Invesco Real Estate, used to refinance a portfolio of properties in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the UK, including an accordion facility to enable expansion
- **Aviva Investors** in the sale of its Central European Industrial Fund comprising a 90-asset logistics portfolio in Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Romania to Partners Group and Valad
- **China Orient Asset Management** in the acquisition and development of a resort in the Maldives through a leasehold structure, including entering into a BVI joint venture arrangement with a local Maldives entity
- **Gaw Capital Partners** in its acquisition of Ocean Towers, a 25-story Grade A office building located at People's Square in Shanghai
- **Allianz Real Estate** in its 50 percent stake in a portfolio of modern logistics assets in China which are owned by a Gaw Capital managed fund. The portfolio includes five projects in the areas of Shanghai, Jiaying, Foshan, Wuhan and Shenyang with a total leasable area of 375,000 square meters
- **Destination Brisbane Consortium** in the development of its AU\$3 billion integrated resort at Queens Wharf, Brisbane. The project will encompass a new integrated resort (including a casino), a residential development and five new hotel brands, including a 6-star Ritz-Carlton and 5-star Rosewood and Dorsett Hotels
- **SP Setia Berhad**, Malaysia's largest listed developer, in its first entry into Australia for the development of two residential towers of more than 800 apartments with commercial and retail spaces

Awards and Accolades

- Band 2 in UK-wide Hotels & Leisure (*Chambers UK 2021*)
- Tier 1 in Real Estate for Four Consecutive Years (*The Legal 500 USA 2020*)
- Tier 1 in Land Use & Zoning for 10 Consecutive Years (*The Legal 500 USA 2020*)
- Tier 1 in Real Estate Law and Land Use & Zoning Law (*US News and World Report "Law Firms of the Year" 2020*)
- A Top 5 Real Estate Law Firm for 10 Consecutive Years (*Commercial Property Executive & Multi-Housing News 2020*)
- Law Firm of the Year (*REFI European Awards, 2020*)
- Band 1 for Investment Funds - Real Estate Funds - Hong Kong (*IFLR 1000, 2014-2020*)
- Firm (Specialism) of the year - Real Estate: Commercial property: investment (*The Legal 500 UK Awards 2019*)
- Commercial Property: Investment Team of the Year (*The Legal 500 UK Awards 2019*)
- Winner of the China Business Law Awards for Real Estate & REIT 2019 (*China Business Law Journal*)
- Global Real Estate Firm of the Year (*The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2005-2019*)
- Hospitality Group of the Year 2019 (*Law360*)
- Tier 1 in Real Estate for China and Thailand (*The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2014-2019*)
- Band 1 in Real Estate in Ukraine (*Chambers Europe 2019*)

- Band 1 in Real Estate in China (*Chambers Asia Pacific* 2017 - 2019)
- Band 2 in Real Estate - Europe-wide (*Chambers* 2019)
- Band 2 in Real Estate in Russia (*Chambers Europe* 2019)
- Band 2 in Real Estate in Italy (*Chambers Europe* 2019)

INSIGHTS

Publications

The Glasgow Climate Pact: What does it mean for Business?

23 November 2021

In this article, members of our Sustainability and ESG Steering Committee share their thoughts on eight key themes emerging from COP26 and what they mean for business.

ESG challenges in Real Estate ahead of COP26

14 October 2021

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In a few weeks' time, the eyes of the world will be on Glasgow for the 26th annual United Nations Climate Change Conference. Indeed, over time, environmental as well as social and governance issues have become real challenges for all individuals, businesses and markets, and the real estate sector is no exception. These concerns, which have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic, should not be seen as a brake but rather as a real driver for growth and innovation.

"Green Loans" or "Sustainability Linked Loans" - an overview

12 October 2021

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ESG, green loans and sustainability linked loans – these buzzwords in the field of green financing are gaining more popularity but the details are still a little unclear. Here we shed some light on these terms and provide a more differentiated view on the options available for real estate players.

Asia's road to COP26 won't be paved with coal

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

On the eve of the United Nations 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26), Asia's policy makers are acting fast to curb coal production as global investors turn towards renewable energy. Are the efforts of Asia's advanced economies turning climate ambition into reality?

COP26 and the future of real estate

12 October 2021

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With COP26 just around the corner, there will be few businesses not sharpening their focus on sustainability strategy. While most have

already implemented measures to help reduce their carbon footprint, the increasing gravity of the climate crisis, and growing list of countries setting bold commitments to reach carbon neutrality by 2050, appear certain to accelerate the need for change. The real estate industry has no small part to play in this, with the built-environment being responsible for almost 40% of greenhouse gas emissions globally.

Climate-responsive buildings – fighting the effects of climate change in Lagos state

12 October 2021

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The whole world is facing climate change and Nigeria is no exception. To address this, and to prevent the increase in greenhouse gases, governments and international organizations must take immediate and drastic action at both local and global levels. What is the situation in Nigeria?

Data centres in Norway – Rapid expansion and fundamental advantages

12 October 2021

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With its cold climate, easily accessible renewable energy, competitive prices on electricity and active support from the government, Norway has fundamental advantages in terms of investment opportunities in data centers and attracts global interest.

Demystifying electric vehicle charging points in UK real estate

12 October 2021

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In November 2020, the UK government revealed plans to end the sale of new conventional petrol and diesel cars in the UK by 2030. Recent government proposals seek to oblige every new non-residential building and every non-residential building undergoing a major renovation with more than ten car parking spaces to have one EVP and cable routes for an EVP for one in five spaces. So it's important for both landowners and tenants to consider the implications and impact on commercial real estate.

Green Buildings: The call for sustainable retrofitting in Zimbabwe

12 October 2021

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

Climate change has imposed upon modern society the need to review past construction practices in-order to reshape the planet's disconcerting future of the planet. This article will examine the increasingly popular concept of green buildings as a means of achieving environmentally sustainable construction practices in Zimbabwe.

Innovative green investments – the future of modern development

12 October 2021

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

For several years we have seen an increase in investments using ecological innovations, undoubtedly influenced by the smart technology used in the construction sector and investors' and developers' growing environmental awareness of the advantages such technology can bring.

Legal aspects of connected constructions: Smart buildings – Think outside the building

12 October 2021

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Integrating new technologies in construction plans to create truly connected and data-driven buildings also introduces new regulatory and data protection challenges. It raises numerous questions as to the implications of these developments for the responsibility of all parties involved in the construction industry.

Sustainable Real Estate Financing Options in Kenya

12 October 2021

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

The real estate sector in Kenya is a fast-growing sector, with reported exponential growth in recent years. This article covers the major challenges of the real estate sector in Kenya and outlines the need for sustainability in the financing of real estate developments.

Sustainable buildings – real estate tools against climate change

12 October 2021

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

As sustainability and global commitment towards reversing climate change have come at to the forefront of policy-making and corporations' long-term strategies, property investors and the real estate sector are also looking to get involved and make a change to the buildings they develop and operate, implementing, embedding and enhancing sustainability to their existing properties.

The exhaustion doctrine under the California Environmental Quality Act

12 October 2021

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Over the last 15 years, the long-established common law mandate to “exhaust administrative remedies” before filing a lawsuit challenging a public agency decision has been eroded under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) jurisprudence. This development is largely the result of a conflation of the exhaustion requirement with the separate jurisdictional prerequisite of “standing” by courts interpreting CEQA.

An interview with Aldersgate Funding

11 October 2021

In this podcast, DLA Piper partner Henry Quinlan interviews Jim Holding and Matthew Lo at Aldersgate Funding Limited, who shed some light on the advantages of litigation and arbitration funding; the types of claims eligible for funding; the process of funding a case; and the jurisdictional constraints on this type of financing.

DLA Piper · Aldersgate Funding on how litigation funding can help your business

ASTM E1527 to clarify PFAS risks for commercial real estate purchasers and lenders

5 October 2021

Considered the gold standard for environmental due diligence, ASTM E1527 is relied on by prospective purchasers of real property who are seeking protection from CERCLA liability for pre-existing contamination.

New workplace sexual harassment laws passed – (some) Respect@Work recommendations become law

8 September 2021

After months of anticipation, the Australian Federal Government's Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Act 2021 has now passed both houses of Parliament. The amendment contains important reforms to address workplace sexual harassment.

Data privacy and security within smart cities

7 September 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

Episode 43 of our TechLaw podcast series features Principal Analyst for Thematic Research at GlobalData, David Bicknell, in discussion with our Amsterdam-based Senior Associate, Floris de Wit. Their conversation focuses on the delicate balance of keeping populations safe when it comes to data privacy and cyber security, but also adopting innovative measures that move smart cities forward to take advantage of new technology. Don't forget to join us on the 5th October 2021 at our fifth European Technology Summit where David will continue the conversation on the smart cities of tomorrow. Register your interest at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Data privacy and security within smart cities

Smart Cities and the future of Real Estate

25 August 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In podcast 42 of our TechLaw podcast series, Jeroen Lokerse, Head of the Netherlands at global real estate firm, Cushman & Wakefield, joins DLA Piper Partner, Daphne Bens, to talk about the population explosion and its impact on the creation of smart cities that provide habitable, sustainable and safe spaces to live and work. They also discuss the crucial role urban development and real estate plays in the transformation of these areas. Jeroen will be joining the smart cities panel at our fifth European Technology Summit, taking place on the 5th October 2021. Register your interest at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

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Understanding California's South Coast AQMD Warehouse Indirect Source Rule – key points for warehouse owners, operators and tenants

30 June 2021

Implementing the rule may prove challenging to owners, operators and tenants of warehouse facilities.

Interagency Initiative spotlights fair lending compliance in home appraisals

28 June 2021

Increased scrutiny of lenders' appraisal compliance practices is likely.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2021

23 June 2021

Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 3,200 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

Whatever your sector, ransomware attacks are changing how to think about platform security risk: Action steps

14 June 2021

In an increasingly digitized economy, creating awareness of platform security risks is critical.

New York eviction and foreclosure moratoria update

7 May 2021

The extension further extends the moratorium on foreclosures and evictions against qualifying New York commercial tenants and borrowers.

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

5 May 2021

Commercial real estate (CRE) experts' outlook on the CRE market has returned to optimism, according to DLA Piper's 2021 Global Real Estate Annual *State of the Market Survey*. Conducted in February and March 2021, the Survey analyzes the views of CRE experts and leaders on economic recovery, attractive investment markets and general market outlooks.

Chicago City Council approves 2021 Affordable Requirements Ordinance with changes

21 April 2021

The ARO expands Chicago's affordable housing requirements for developers of market-rate residential projects.

Chicago City Council adopts Industrial Air Quality and Zoning Ordinance

24 March 2021

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Its oversight is vested in the City departments of Planning and Development, Transportation, and Public Health.

Lightfoot administration unveils updated affordable housing ordinance

24 March 2021

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The ARO would expand Chicago's affordable housing requirements for developers of market-rate residential projects.

New York codifies protections for commercial tenants and mortgagors

15 March 2021

A summary of the significant elements of the new law, questions raised and potential implications.

Imminence does not mean haste

4 March 2020

EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Sustainability and ESG stewardship are at the forefront of investment managers' and investment funds' agendas under the combined pressure of investors and as a result of several important pieces of regulation becoming live. SFDR is one of them. It will become applicable in phases, the first deadline being as early as 10 March 2021.

Icons of DC Area Real Estate

3 March 2021

Jay Epstien and Frederick Klein are featured on the latest episode of the "Icons of DC Area Real Estate" podcast.

Puerto Rico: Employers must establish workplace harassment protocols – guidelines are available

23 February 2021

Employers in Puerto Rico have until August 2, 2021 to adopt protocols on workplace harassment.

Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 - a regional perspective

11 February 2021

Last week Transparency International launched the 2020 edition of its Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and business people, using a scale of zero to 100 (100 being very clean and zero being highly corrupt).

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021: Temporary amendments to the Bankruptcy Code

25 January 2021

An outline of key amendments.

Consumer finance regulatory and litigation landscape for 2021

21 January 2021

In 2021, the sector may have to reckon with troubled assets while operating in a business environment that may never return to many pre-pandemic practices.

IRS finalizes regulations on carried interest recharacterization rule: Welcome clarifications, key takeaways

20 January 2021

Many of the significant changes address areas of concern to sponsors and managers of private equity and hedge funds, as well as those involved in M&A and in real estate transactions.

Supporting the health of your health system

4 January 2021

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for business

31 December 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

Welcome to this last edition of Boardroom Brexit, marking the end of the negotiations and the agreement of a new trade deal, the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). In this edition, we summarise the impact of the deal on all aspects of business operations in one place – please use the hyperlinks below to help you navigate the report.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for trade in goods

31 December 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

What will the Trade and Cooperation Agreement mean for tariffs and quotas, rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, customs and product standards

Navigating risk and compliance in government contracts M&A

14 December 2020

Webinar now available: government contracts and pre-closing diligence.

Practical Compliance

8 December 2020

[PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE](#)

Q4 2020: Spotlight on real estate COVID-19 compliance.

Contracting for the climate: The Climate Contract Playbook is a trove of climate clauses

11 November 2020

Contracts have become an essential vehicle for companies seek to mitigate their environmental risks and limit their carbon footprints.

Approaches to developing and implementing a survival strategy for hotel owners facing COVID-19

9 November 2020

Developing a successful strategy will require significant up-front analysis, communication and cooperation among key stakeholders.

Breaking New Ground

9 November 2020

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Commercial real estate perspectives, trends and analysis.

Equity pledges in mortgage lending – examining the "clogging" defense

9 November 2020

Examining the parameters of the doctrine against "clogging the equity of redemption" and the value of an equity pledge.

It turns out there are ways to get "money" from a stone

9 November 2020

A few strategies to extract much-needed capital from owned real estate.

Pro bono spotlight

9 November 2020

Learn more about recent pro bono work by members of our Real Estate team.

Q&A: ACORE Capital

9 November 2020

Tony Fineman of ACORE Capital discusses the loan origination market and the repositioning of the retail sector.

Q&A: Crescit Capital Strategies

9 November 2020

Joe Iacono of Crescit Capital Strategies offers thoughts on opportunities in the hotel industry and how the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic differs from the 2008-09 financial crisis.

Q&A: Iron Hound Management Company, LLC

9 November 2020

A conversation about loan modifications and flaws in the current CMBS model, among other topics, with Robert Verrone of Iron Hound Management Company, LLC.

Q&A: Nuveen Real Estate

9 November 2020

Jason Hernandez of Nuveen Real Estate speaks about the structure of office loans and the most important factors in deciding to make these loans.

Q&A: Square Mile Capital Management, LLC

9 November 2020

Michael Lavipour of Square Mile Capital Management, LLC predicts the future of shopping malls and explains why now is a good time to lend on hotel assets.

Q&A: UBS Investment Bank

9 November 2020

A conversation with David Nass of UBS Investment Bank that touches on structuring loans in an uncertain market and lending to suburban office buildings, among other topics.

Real estate tokenization and the potential benefits of reassessing the limited partner structure

9 November 2020

Benefits of tokenization include improved liquidity, market expansion and reduced transaction costs.

Recent transactions

9 November 2020

A few examples of DLA Piper's recent work on behalf of clients.

The secret to fixing CMBS (hint: channel Peter Drucker)

9 November 2020

By taking a few key steps, the CMBS industry can repair its perception in the CRE community and re-establish itself as an essential and viable player in the CRE marketplace.

Planning and Environment Journal - Issue 5

3 November 2020

[PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT JOURNAL](#)

Welcome to the fifth edition of DLA Piper's Planning and Environment Journal where our lawyers share their experience and knowledge of zoning and environmental issues in various jurisdictions. This edition is dedicated to logistics development in France and Hong Kong.

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

28 October 2020

The year 2020 has been remarkable and incomparable. The impact of COVID-19 on all facets of life across the globe will continue to be measured and felt for years to come, and it is within this context that DLA Piper fielded the 2020 DLA Piper Annual State of the Market Survey. Conducted between August and September of 2020, the results of the State of the Market Survey are undoubtedly influenced by COVID-19 and provide a current perspective into how real estate experts view the virus's impact on the commercial real estate (CRE) market.

China Enforces Tax Collection on Employees Working for Chinese-invested Enterprises Overseas

16 October 2020

With the recent IIT reform in 2019, and the introduction of a number of implementation rules (particularly the tax policy on overseas income), it appears the China tax authorities are taking a harder stance on how overseas income derived by China tax residents will be taxed in China, starting with Chinese expatriates working for Chinese state-owned enterprises.

Luxembourg 2021 Budget bill – changes for personal tax and domestic real estate investments

16 October 2020

In the on-going COVID-19 context, the Luxembourg Ministry of Finance has disclosed, on 14 October, several tax measures as part of the budget bill for the tax year 2021 (Budget Bill). The Budget Bill aims to increase tax and social equity as well as economic sustainability.

Real Estate Gazette: Distressed assets in real estate

12 October 2020

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The latest edition of DLA Piper's Real Estate Gazette looks at different aspects of distressed assets as the world continues to adapt to what has been dubbed the new normal. This edition brings you voices, opinions and analysis from real estate markets in Asia, Denmark, Germany, Angola, the Netherlands, Norway, the UK and US, from freeing up capital in difficult times to providing tips and techniques for commercial landlords forced to deal with tenant hardship and debt.

Mass layoffs and collective redundancies guide

6 October 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the global economy in unprecedented ways, companies that have had to scale back or shut down operations are bracing for what the next few months will bring, and what this means for their workforces. In this guide, we examine key considerations for employers looking to make permanent reductions in force across APAC.

New CFIUS regulations change mandatory filing requirements and increase the importance of US export controls

30 September 2020

The new rule modifies the criteria that trigger a mandatory filing with CFIUS, potentially subjecting more transactions to mandatory CFIUS review.

Chicago Department of Housing releases Inclusionary Housing Task Force Staff Report; public comment being accepted until October 29

21 September 2020

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Modifications to the current Affordable Requirements Ordinance are anticipated.

Chicago: Mayor Lightfoot introduces ordinance modifying requirements for industrial uses in manufacturing districts

15 September 2020

If approved, the ordinance will have significant implications for the timing for approvals of certain industrial uses that were previously permitted by right.

Proposed carried interest regulations contain some good news, but many more traps for the unwary

31 August 2020

Takeaways and initial impressions of the Proposed Carried Interest Regulations.

New York State bill would require recording and taxation of mezzanine debt and preferred equity investments

26 August 2020

The bill seeks to amend the real property law, uniform commercial code and tax law.

Puerto Rico tightens restrictions and sanctions for businesses to control continued spread of COVID-19

26 August 2020

The Executive Order aims to significantly tighten restrictions to control the continued spread of COVID-19.

Georgia shields businesses and other entities from COVID-19 liability claims and lawsuits

25 August 2020

The act protects businesses and other entities from certain liability claims and lawsuits related to the transmission of COVID-19 allegedly occurring on their premises.

Details of the second tranche of Hong Kong's Employment Support Scheme released

24 August 2020

On 18 August 2020 the Hong Kong government announced details surrounding the second tranche of the Employment Support Scheme. While the majority of the rules surrounding the second tranche remain largely the same as the first tranche, there are new penalties for employers who have fallen foul of a number of nebulous terms.

Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

Vlog series: How to raise equity capital during the Coronavirus pandemic (UK)

4 August 2020

The first half of 2020 has seen an unprecedented volume of activity by companies raising capital through follow-on equity offerings on the London Stock Exchange in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. There have been over 140 equity issues on the London Stock Exchange's main market or AIM since 20 March 2020 raising more than GBP14 billion.

Chicago City Council strengthens landlord notification requirements for lease terminations and non-renewals by passing "Fair Notice" ordinance

23 July 2020

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The ordinance strengthens tenant protections.

Hong Kong Government increases statutory entitlement for maternity leave

16 July 2020

On 10 October 2018, the Chief Executive stated in her policy address that the government proposed to increase the statutory maternity leave entitlement from ten to 14 weeks.

The Fed's plan to aid struggling borrowers with preferred equity

14 July 2020

Preferred equity investment will likely prove an important component as the current commercial real estate crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic is unlikely to be solved with debt alone.

Real Estate sector: Top of Mind COVID-19 sector insights

1 July 2020

Top COVID-19 considerations for the real estate sector.

CFIUS encourages public to provide tips and referrals

24 June 2020

The new webpage encourages tips and referrals about non-notified deals, violations of CFIUS mitigation measures, and other matters that raise national security risk.

Lessons learned: Reopening of Asia in wake of COVID-19

23 June 2020

DLA Piper's Susheela Rivers and John Sullivan speak with Christina Gaw.

Australia tightens rules on foreign investment

17 June 2020

In this article we summarise the tax-related developments from early June 2020, as Australia takes a more stringent approach towards compliance procedures involving foreign investments.

Chicago City Council adopts eviction protection ordinance

17 June 2020

Chicago landlords should take notice of new requirements and conditions associated with the filing of future eviction actions.

B.C. Government limits commercial landlord's remedies if they forgo CECRA

2 June 2020

On May 29, 2020 the B.C. Government issued Ministerial Order No. M179 in an effort to encourage more BC landlords to apply for assistance under the Federal Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program.

COVID-19: Pre-negotiation letters as a critical tool for real estate workouts

29 May 2020

There is no standard PNL; a well-drafted agreement will address the specific circumstances of the parties and the project.

SEC adopts amendments to required financial disclosures for acquisitions and dispositions of business

29 May 2020

Public companies can utilize the new rules on a voluntary basis effective immediately, so long as they adopt the amendments in their entirety.

Online application portal for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program to open May 25

21 MAY 2020

Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) has confirmed that the online application portal for the Canada Emergency Commercial

Rent Assistance (CECRA) program will open at 8:00 a.m. EST on May 25, 2020 and has provided further details regarding the program's application process on its website.

Maryland Bar Journal Magazine Issue 1 2020

20 May 2020

Five of our lawyers were given a spotlight in Issue 1 2020 of the *Maryland Bar Journal*.

CMHC provides further details on the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program

15 MAY 2020

Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) released further details about the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program on May 14, 2020.

Giving back during a pandemic

12 May 2020

DLA Piper's John Sullivan talks with Dean Shapiro of Oxford Properties about ways the company has served its communities during the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, DLA Piper's Mariah DiGrino talks with Kate Maehr, director of the Greater Chicago Food Depository about the pandemic's effect on daily operations.

Structured real estate finance: The basics of tranching real estate debt

12 May 2020

Understanding the interplay of multiple creditors exercising different rights under different financial structures.

Guidance on Green Loan Principles and Guidance on Sustainability Linked Loan Principles

8 May 2020

These guidelines and standards portend an increase in sustainable finance documents and projects in the near future.

Coronavirus: Changes to rules governing meetings and the execution of company documents (Australia)

7 May 2020

Certain requirements in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) relating to shareholders meetings, and document signatures, are not compatible with public health requirements for social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. In order to facilitate these important corporate functions during this period, on May 6, 2020 the Australian Federal Government introduced the Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 1) 2020.

This determination modifies the legislative requirements regarding meetings and execution of company documents. These changes come into force on 6 May 2020, and will expire after six months, on 5 November 2020.

Protecting AI technologies through patents: A US guide

7 May 2020

A strong patent portfolio developed around a company's artificial intelligence innovations is an important asset.

CFIUS filing fees effective as of May 1, 2020: What you need to know

5 May 2020

The filing fees go into effect and must be paid for transactions filed on or after May 1, 2020.

The CARES Act and related relief for the multifamily industry: Part III – Freddie Mac Forbearance Program

5 May 2020

A brief summary of the forbearance program for multifamily borrowers as currently offered by Freddie Mac.

Chicago City Council adopts electric vehicle readiness requirements

4 May 2020

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The requirements affect new non-residential developments with 30 or more parking spaces and new multi-unit residential developments with five or more dwelling units.

Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis (Australia)

4 May 2020

Directors need to carefully consider the risks of the COVID-19 outbreak within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many now face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

In this new guide we have set out the practical steps directors should be taking to protect their company and its business going forwards.

CMHC outlines eligibility requirements for commercial rent assistance program

1 MAY 2020

On April 29, 2020 the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) released further details on the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program.

eNotes use surges – insights for lenders looking to close mortgage loans electronically

30 April 2020

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 April 2020

ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely, plus latest regulatory, legal and case law developments around eSignatures and ePayments.

Loan modifications and forbearance during the COVID-19 crisis

28 April 2020

Both states and the federal government have implemented changes to real estate policy.

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program update

27 APR 2020

On April 24, 2020, the Federal government provided further details about Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA), the joint Federal and Provincial/Territorial program intended to lower rent for small businesses affected by COVID-19 by up to 75% for the months of April, May and June.

The lender's playbook in the time of COVID-19 (US)

20 April 2020

How should secured real estate lenders be approaching their loan portfolios?

Federal government announces program to provide commercial rent support for small businesses affected by COVID-19

17 APR 2020

The Federal government announced, as part of its COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, that they will be working with the provinces and territories to develop the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program, aimed at providing support to help small businesses with their rent for the months of April, May and June.

Our guide to the top 10 employment issues facing the hospitality & leisure industry during COVID-19

17 April 2020

1. Do I owe greater health and safety obligations as a hotel/establishment?

As with other sectors, hotels and establishments have an obligation to ensure a safe workplace for their employees, which includes taking steps to guard against the risk of infectious diseases.

Hotel Management Agreements and COVID-19

15 April 2020

This note considers the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hotel management agreements (HMAs), particularly HMAs which hotel owners have entered into with large upscale brands.

The CARES Act and related relief for the multifamily industry: Part II – The Fannie Mae Forbearance Program

13 April 2020

Relief available for multifamily borrowers under the CARES Act.

UK government to provide additional financial support measures for mid-market business impacted by COVID-19

9 April 2020

On 3 April 2020 the Chancellor announced a new scheme for larger companies, with the creation of the new Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS) to ensure that more firms are able to benefit from government-backed support during this difficult time.

A Call for Action: UNWTO, Supporting Jobs and Economies Through Travel and Tourism

7 April 2020

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.

Rent relief options for US commercial leases: approaches to making a deal for landlords and tenants

6 April 2020

Options to explore for both landlords and tenants.

Australian Government Real Estate Measures for Commercial Tenancies (as at 2 April 2020)

3 April 2020

The Australian Federal and State Governments have been actively examining the commercial and residential leasing markets in light of the effect that COVID-19 is having on landlords and tenants. The developments in these areas, and the Government responses are fast moving and will change, but the current approach is outlined.

Public legislative processes and public meetings during the time of COVID-19

3 April 2020

While modifications to open meetings laws may allow many public meetings to take place remotely, municipalities and petitioners must also take steps to ensure the legal sufficiency of public participation in remote public hearings.

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.

UK rent concessions during the COVID-19 outbreak

2 April 2020

The Coronavirus crisis has affected all of us and will continue to present serious challenges for businesses for the foreseeable future. The support that the Government has introduced, whilst welcome, addresses only a few of the issues that will continue to arise for both landlords and tenants over the coming months.

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.

Practical advice for US commercial landlords relating to COVID-19

31 March 2020

General areas for landlords and building owners to consider in connection with the impact of COVID-19 on their buildings, leases and other agreements.

The US CARES Act and related relief for the multifamily industry: Part I

31 March 2020

A look at the provisions of the CARES Act that offer relief to multifamily borrowers.

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: Competition and regulatory measures in Ireland

25 March 2020

ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION: NOVEL ISSUES IN A POST-CORONAVIRUS WORLD

An unprecedented challenge calls for unprecedented measures. The competition and regulatory world has reacted rapidly to the challenge of COVID-19 with bold legal solutions. We discuss how EU and Irish regulators are responding with support for business, exploring the relaxation of competition laws and adopting temporary measures for merger review.

Coronavirus: Cyber hygiene practices

25 March 2020

While the world is responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and individuals are increasingly focused on personal hygiene and social distancing, augmenting cyber hygiene efforts at home and at work are increasing in importance too.

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: 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.

Hotels and hospitals may find new partnerships to solve for bed capacity issues and vacancies

25 March 2020

The impacts of COVID-19 upon the hospitality sector as well as hospital systems and the healthcare industry have been sudden and dramatic.

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: Federal government stimulus response – Massive stimulus package may move through US Congress at “warp speed”

19 March 2020

The economic stimulus package taking shape may be the biggest one ever.

Planning and Environment Journal - Issue 2

17 March 2020

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT JOURNAL

Welcome to the second edition of DLA Piper's Planning and Environment Journal where our lawyers share their experience and knowledge of zoning and environmental issues in various jurisdictions. This edition is dedicated to Environmental Remediation procedures in the Netherlands and Spain.

Real Estate Gazette: Operational Real Estate

17 March 2020

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

Operational real estate is a rising star in the real estate investment market. One element that makes this asset class so interesting is the various sub sectors it covers, each calling for specialist experience and practical know-how in both commercial and legal terms.

That diversity is reflected in this issue, we hope you enjoy it.

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.

The age of growing viral outbreaks: key contract considerations in a world facing the latest outbreak – COVID-19 (Global)

13 March 2020

The effect of viral outbreaks on overall business continuity and performance as a priority in assessing operational, reputational and contract risks and their potential consequences and liabilities.

Inspirational Women in Real Estate 2020

11 March 2020

The Real Estate Industry sometimes suffers from a lack of female Role Models. For this reason, we are proud to present, in honour of International Women's day, the third edition of our Inspirational Women in Real Estate booklet. By continuing to highlight the stories of some of our women in Real Estate around the world, we hope to make our small contribution to engendering a more gender balanced

industry.

Negotiations begin on legislation to mitigate economic impact of coronavirus outbreak: Congressional tax writers seek your input

10 March 2020

The Congressional tax writers are seeking private sector input in two different but equally important forms.

DLA Piper to provide tax relief input to Congress from businesses impacted by coronavirus

9 March 2020

Of particular concern is the travel and tourism sector, but the Committee staff is open to considering the impact on other economic sectors.

ISIA requires every Illinois "public agency" and "governmental unit" to implement ESG policies in their investments: action steps for private-sector actors

2 March 2020

Most market observers expect this trend to continue incrementally, with ever more institutional actors, whether public or private, considering ESG factors when investing.

PropTech in the United States – where we're heading

2 March 2020

PROPTech INSIGHTS

The legal implications of operating smart buildings.

Eco-friendly practices and sustainability – a priority consideration in hotel operations

26 February 2020

DLA Piper recently co-hosted a roundtable lunch with PKF to discuss sustainability in the hospitality industry.

CFIUS's new role in real estate transactions

20 February 2020

An outline of CFIUS's new authority to review foreign investment in US real estate and its impact on real estate investors who have not previously dealt with CFIUS risk.

Coronavirus COVID-19 and corporate governance (Australia)

18 February 2020

The coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak and ensuing government restrictions raise corporate governance concerns and create areas of risk across the ESG spectrum that should be considered by companies and their directors and officers.

An update on the impact of the coronavirus on business in Singapore

12 February 2020

Due to the evolving 2019- nCoV acute respiratory disease (the COVID-19) situation, the Ministry of Health (the MOH) and the Ministry of Manpower (the MOM) have, since January 2020, issued advisories which employers will need to be aware of. In particular, the MOH and MOM have, since our last update on February 12 2020, updated and issued new advisories due to the increased risk of importation of COVID-19 into Singapore.

Coronavirus COVID-19: The legal impact on force majeure events (Australia)

12 February 2020

Key considerations for parties that may wish to declare a force majeure event or dispute the declaration of a force majeure event by a counterparty in relation to coronavirus COVID-19.

Hong Kong Government introduces mandatory quarantine measures

11 February 2020

On 9 February 2020, the number of deaths due to the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Numerous governments have been implementing restrictions barring entry to those with recent travel history through Mainland China, including Singapore, Japan, Australia and the United States. Following pressure from public health workers, the Hong Kong Government has now followed suit and has begun a mandatory two-week quarantine for anyone arriving from Mainland China.

How to resume business amid the coronavirus outbreak (China)

11 February 2020

As reported in our previous article, China has extended its Chinese New Year holiday and work suspension period as a result of the novel coronavirus outbreak which has now infected more than 40,000 people around the world.

This is a summary of the Back to Work Day and compensation for working before Back to Work Day in key cities and provinces across China.

New obligations targeting human trafficking for employers in California – and across the US

11 February 2020

Employers across the United States should consider these new obligations and carefully determine what actions they may be required to take in the workplace.

APAC employment issues arising out of the Coronavirus (AsiaPac)

31 January 2020

On 29 January 2020, the number of confirmed cases of the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Multinationals with local operations around the APAC region have been significantly affected. As staff return to the office following the Chinese New Year holiday period, businesses are now considering what they can do to minimise any risk to health and safety and support staff through this challenging period where anxiety and uncertainty is rife, whilst at the same time complying with their employment obligations and maintaining business continuity. Putting in place detailed business and contingency plans and ensuring careful communications with staff to address key topics and concerns is key, as is keeping such plans and communications under frequent review given the fluidity of the current situation.

This alert considers some of the key issues that HR and business leaders should be considering across the APAC region.

Harsher penalties on discriminatory employment practices in Singapore

29 January 2020

The Fair Consideration Framework was updated in January 2020 to impose harsher penalties on employers found to be engaging in discriminatory practices such as by favouring the hiring of foreigners over Singaporeans.

China extends holidays for workers amid coronavirus outbreak (China)

28 January 2020

Learn about how the widely publicised corona virus outbreak affects business in Greater China.

Chicago City Council expedites timing of Part II review fees

23 January 2020

This change will have significant implications on the strategy and timing for filing planned development application.

New regulations reinforce CFIUS's expanded role with respect to foreign investments in the United States

16 January 2020

The new CFIUS regulations become effective on February 13, 2020.

Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

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Building a resilient legal operation for a post-COVID world

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Vertalo Real Estate Tokenization Webinar

28 January 2021
Webinar

Building a Strong Compliance Foundation: Considerations for Real Estate Fund Advisers

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The New Dutch Franchise Act: A paradigm shift for franchise in the Netherlands

3 December 2020
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EDPB recommendations for safeguarding data transfers after Schrems II

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The future of the law firm workplace

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Raising capital from Real Estate – are sale and leasebacks the answer?

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15 October 2020 | 2:00 - 2:45 BST

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ULI's Proptech Series Kickoff

24 September 2020 | 4:00 - 5:00 ET

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Rent Relief Agreements for Commercial Leases

11 August 2020 | 1:00 - 2:30 EDT

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The unique issues in restructuring or working out hotels and senior housing during a pandemic

30 July 2020 | 2:00 - 3:00 ET

Webinar

ALI CLE Commercial Real Estate Leases Webcast

1 May 2020

Webinar

COVID-19 and construction: touching all the bases now

14 April 2020 | 1:30 – 2:30 ET

Webinar

CARES Act: A practical guide for the real estate industry

3 April 2020

Webinar

Webinar: US commercial real estate and the impact of COVID-19

27 March 2020

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Webinar: Skyscrapers for the masses: Real Estate Tokenisation and the future of STOs

25 March 2020

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NEWS

DLA Piper partner Casey Sobhani named a Real Estate Leader in Law finalist by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*

2 December

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Casey Sobhani, co-location head of the firm's Los Angeles Real Estate practice, was named a Leader in Law finalist by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* in the "Real Estate Attorney of the Year" category.

DLA Piper partner Jesse Criz named a Notable Gen X Leader in Law by *Crain's Chicago Business*

2 December 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jesse Criz, co-managing partner of the firm's Chicago office, has been named to *Crain's Chicago Business's* 2021 Notable Gen X Leaders in Accounting, Consulting and Law list recognizing leaders who are "at the peak of their careers, managing offices, chairing legal groups or running their own lucrative practices."

Campos Mello Advogados ranked in *Chambers Brazil* guides

29 October 2021

DLA Piper today announced that Campos Mello Advogados (CMA), which has a cooperation agreement with DLA Piper, received multiple accolades in the *Chambers Brazil: Industries, Sectors and Regions*, *Chambers Brazil: Contentious* and *Chambers Brazil: Transactional 2021* guides.

DLA Piper lawyers, practices and sectors ranked in latest edition of *The Legal 500 Latin America*

25 October 2021

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 46 individual lawyer rankings and 68 firm rankings in *The Legal 500 Latin America 2022* guide.

DLA Piper partner Lynn Cadwalader receives 2021 Women in Real Estate award from *Connect CRE*

20 October 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that San Francisco-based partner Lynn Cadwalader was one of only 10 lawyers to receive a 2021 Women in Real Estate Award in the “National” category from *Connect Commercial Real Estate*. The award honors women “with achievements and inspirational stories who have reached respected positions of leadership and play key mentorship roles for others in commercial real estate.”

DLA Piper advises ViacomCBS in sale of Black Rock building for US\$760 million

15 October 2021

DLA Piper represented ViacomCBS Inc. in the sale of the office building known as Black Rock for US\$760 million to Harbor Group International, a privately owned real estate investment and management firm. The 38-floor office tower is located at 51 West 52nd Street in midtown Manhattan.

DLA Piper partner Jeffrey Zanchelli named to *Crain's Chicago Business* 2021 Notable Rising Stars in Law list

16 September 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jeffrey Zanchelli, a partner in the firm's Chicago office, has been named to *Crain's Chicago Business's* 2021 Notable Rising Stars in Law list recognizing 74 attorneys who are “making an impact in all corners of their profession.”

DLA Piper named to Exelon's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Honor Roll for 2021

7 September 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that it was one of six law firms to be named to Exelon's 2021 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Honor Roll.

Shiukay Hung joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in New York

7 September 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Shiukay Hung has joined the firm as a partner in the Finance practice, based in New York.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in *Chambers Latin America* 2022

30 August 2021

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 38 individual lawyer rankings and 15 firm rankings in the *Chambers Latin America* 2022 guide.

DLA Piper advises SmartRent in US\$2.2 billion business combination with Fifth Wall Acquisition Corp. I

25 August 2021

DLA Piper represented SmartRent.com Inc. in its previously announced business combination with Fifth Wall Acquisition Corp. I.

DLA Piper advises Wilshire Lane Capital on sale of minority interest to Nile Capital Group

18 August 2021

DLA Piper represented Wilshire Lane Capital in its recent strategic sale of a minority interest to Nile Capital Group Holdings.

DLA Piper partner Barbara Trachtenberg named to *GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum's* 2021 Women of Influence List

4 August 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Barbara Trachtenberg has been named to *GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum's* 2021 Women of Influence list recognizing commercial real estate female professionals.

Brian Winterhalter and Jennifer Garcia join DLA Piper's Real Estate practice in Northern Virginia

29 June 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Brian Winterhalter and Jennifer Garcia, AICP, have joined the firm's Real Estate practice in Northern Virginia. Winterhalter joins as of counsel, and Garcia joins as a senior land use planner.

Bryan Connolly named a Go To Commercial Real Estate Lawyer by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*

28 June 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Bryan Connolly was named to *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly's* 2021 Go To Commercial Real Estate Lawyers list.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest edition of *The Legal 500*

17 June 2021

DLA Piper announced today that the firm received 42 individual lawyer rankings and 49 firm rankings in *The Legal 500 United States* 2021 guide.

DLA Piper partner Brian Awe named a *Law360* Real Estate Rising Star

22 June 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that partner Brian Awe has been named a 2021 *Law360* Real Estate Rising Star.

DLA Piper advises Harrison Street on US\$1.6 billion medical office and senior housing transactions

17 June 2021

DLA Piper advised Harrison Street on an integrated series of transactions through which Harrison Street agreed to purchase 24 senior housing assets and sell 14 medical office properties across eight states over numerous months for a total transaction value of

approximately US\$1.6 billion.

Maria Eduarda Bérghamo joins Campos Mello Advogados as a partner in the Real Estate practice

16 June 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Maria Eduarda Bérghamo has joined Campos Mello Advogados, which has a cooperation agreement with DLA Piper, as a partner in the Real Estate practice.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

1 June 2021

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 216 lawyer rankings and 94 firm rankings in *Chambers USA's* 2021 guide.

Former Ambassador Adrian Zuckerman joins DLA Piper's Real Estate practice

12 May 2021

DLA Piper announced today that Adrian Zuckerman, former United States ambassador to Romania, has joined the firm's Real Estate practice as of counsel based in the firm's New York office.

DLA Piper partners and firm COO named to *Law360* 2021 Editorial Advisory Boards

10 May 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that 11 of its lawyers, as well as firm COO Bob Bratt, have been named to *Law360's* 2021 Editorial Advisory Boards.

DLA Piper advises landlord on Tanner Point lease agreement

6 May 2021

DLA Piper represented the landlord in the negotiation of a lease agreement with On Inc.

DLA Piper's 2021 Annual Global Real Estate *State of the Market Survey*: Resiliency is the new normal for the CRE market

5 May 2021

Commercial real estate (CRE) experts' outlook on the CRE market has returned to optimism, according to DLA Piper's 2021 Global Real Estate Annual *State of the Market Survey*.

Anita Agajanian elected to American College of Real Estate Lawyers

15 March 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Anita Agajanian has been elected to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL).

DLA Piper advises Manulife on its acquisition of 39 Martin Place

29 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised international financial services group Manulife Financial Corporation on its 50/50 joint venture with Investa Commercial Property Fund ("ICPF") to acquire the right to a 100% interest in 39 Martin Place, Sydney from Macquarie Group Limited (ASX: MQG).

Rockard "Rocky" Delgadillo named to *Los Angeles Business Journals* Minority Leaders of Influence: Attorneys list

29 January 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Rocky Delgadillo, a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice, has been named to the *Los Angeles Business Journals* 2021 Minority Leaders of Influence: Attorneys list, which recognizes leading minority lawyers based in Los Angeles for their significant contributions to the local business and legal community.

DLA Piper advises Rastegar in launch of Rastegar Opportunity REIT and US\$200 million share offering

26 January 2021

DLA Piper represented Rastegar Property Company, LLC, a technology-enabled private real estate investment firm, in its launch of the Rastegar Opportunity REIT, Inc. ("the REIT"), a US\$200 million private real estate investment trust offering shares pursuant to Rule 506(c) of Regulation D.

DLA Piper appoints Jeff Diener location head of San Francisco Real Estate practice

21 January 2021

DLA Piper announced today that partner Jeff Diener has been appointed location head of the firm's San Francisco Real Estate practice.

DLA Piper's Real Estate practice named a *Law360* 2020 Practice Group of the Year

18 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that *Law360* has named the firm's Real Estate practice a Practice Group of the Year for 2020.

DLA Piper partner Jay Epstien receives *Connect CRE's* inaugural Lawyers in Real Estate award

14 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jay Epstien was one of 50 lawyers nationally to receive *Connect Commercial Real Estate's* inaugural Lawyers in Real Estate award.

DLA Piper advises Invenergy in construction agreement for Phase 1 of the Samson Solar Energy Center

11 December 2020

DLA Piper advised Invenergy, a privately held global developer and operator of sustainable energy solutions, in the negotiation of the balance of system agreement for Phase 1 of the Samson Solar Energy Center, a new 1,310-megawatt solar energy generation facility that will be the largest in the US and second largest in the world upon completion.

DLA Piper partner Guy Flynn named to *Baltimore Business Journal's* Who's Who in Law 2020 list

3 December 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Guy Flynn has been named to the Baltimore Business Journal's Who's Who in Law 2020 list of attorneys and other legal practitioners "who have made their mark on Baltimore, and Maryland more broadly, in their careers."

DLA Piper partner Stephen Cowan receives Howard E. Kane Award

30 November 2020

DLA Piper partner Stephen Cowan recently received the Howard E. Kane Award.

DLA Piper named Real Estate Firm of the Year and Franchise Firm of the Year by *Who's Who Legal* for 16th consecutive year

11 November 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that *Who's Who Legal* has named the firm its Real Estate Firm of the Year and Franchise Firm of the Year, both for the 16th consecutive year.

DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards

30 October 2020

DLA Piper has been named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards, in a ceremony which took place on Thursday 29 October.

DLA Piper advises Prologis on largest-ever sale of logistics real estate assets in the UK

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised global leader in logistics real estate Prologis, Inc. on the sale of a portfolio of buildings and land in the UK to real estate funds managed by Blackstone for GBP473 million (US\$618 million).

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of prime French and German distribution logistics assets

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised global investment firm The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) on its acquisition of a portfolio of 27 distribution logistics assets in France and Germany. The transaction is structured as a sale-and-leaseback.

DLA Piper's 2020 Annual Global Real Estate *State of the Market Survey:*

28 October 2020

DLA Piper's survey examines the views of CRE experts on the trajectory of the economic recovery, investment trends, geographic hotspots and general market outlook, and demonstrates a shift in thinking since 2019, when 50 percent of survey respondents were moderately bullish and confident that the economy would continue to grow in the next 12 months.

DLA Piper partner Amy Carbins named a *Law360* Real Estate MVP

27 October 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that partner Amy Carbins has been named a 2020 *Law360* Real Estate MVP.

Brian Awe named to *GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum's* 2020 Fifty Under 40 list

8 October 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Brian Awe has been named to *GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum's* 2020 Fifty Under 40 list.

Rafael Bussière joins Campos Mello Advogados as Real Estate partner

8 October 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Rafael Bussière has joined Campos Mello Advogados (CMA) as a partner in the Real Estate practice.

DLA Piper named a top five real estate law firm by *Commercial Property Executive* and *Multi-Housing News* for 10 consecutive years

7 October 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that it has been ranked among the top five law firms on *Commercial Property Executive* and *Multi-Housing News'* annual Leading Real Estate Law Firms list for 10 consecutive years.

DLA Piper advises Green Courte Partners in acquisition of parking facility serving Salt Lake City International Airport

2 October 2020

DLA Piper represented Green Courte Partners, LLC in the recent acquisition of an 869-space parking facility serving Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC).

DLA Piper advises owner on Tanner Point lease agreement with Brainium Studios

22 September 2020

DLA Piper represented the owner of the Tanner Point building in Portland, Oregon, in the negotiation of a lease agreement with Brainium Studios LLC.

Katie Hausfeld and Kerry Johnson named to *Crain's Chicago Business* Notable Women in Law list

8 September 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Katie Hausfeld and Kerry Johnson have been named to *Crain's Chicago Business's* Notable Women in Law list.

DLA Piper advises FTI Consulting on 120,000-square-foot lease at 1166 Avenue of the Americas

28 August 2020

DLA Piper represented global management advisory firm FTI Consulting in its agreement with Edward J. Minskoff Equities to lease 120,720 square feet of office space at 1166 Avenue of the Americas.

DLA Piper advises P3 Logistic Parks on the rental of commercial space to Makita Werkzeug GmbH

27 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised P3 Logistic Parks GmbH on the rental of commercial space to Makita Werkzeug GmbH.

DLA Piper and CBRE Global Investors announce 41,000-square-foot lease renewal at Pacific Plaza in Walnut Creek, CA

24 August 2020

DLA Piper represented the landlord in the negotiation of a lease renewal agreement with Central Garden & Pet for approximately 41,000 square feet of office space at Pacific Plaza in Walnut Creek, California.

DLA Piper advises landlord on Stadium Tower lease agreement

20 August 2020

DLA Piper represented the landlord in the negotiation of a lease agreement with the Chicago School of Professional Psychology for the 12th floor of Stadium Tower in Anaheim, California.

DLA Piper advises Openpath in its US\$36 million Series C financing

24 July 2020

DLA Piper represented Openpath in its US\$36 million Series C financing led by Greycroft, with participation from Okta Ventures, LPC Ventures, Allegion Ventures and Sentre, including follow-on from existing investors.

DLA Piper partner Amy Carbins named to *GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum's 2020 Women of Influence* list

24 July 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Amy Carbins, co-head of the firm's Washington, DC Real Estate practice, has been named to *GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum's 2020 Women of Influence* list.

Michael Haworth joins DLA Piper's Real Estate practice in New York

9 July 2020

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

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 Alliance Residential Company in the sale of its property management business to Greystar Real Estate Partners

10 June 2020

DLA Piper represented multifamily real estate development and management company Alliance Residential Company in the sale of its property management business to Greystar Real Estate Partners, LLC.

DLA Piper advises Green Courte Partners in its acquisition of four manufactured housing communities

4 June 2020

DLA Piper represented Green Courte Partners, LLC and its affiliates in the acquisition and financing of a portfolio of four manufactured housing communities located in the greater Rochester, New York, area.

DLA Piper advises Bessemer Venture Partners in Series B financing of Spruce

22 May 2020

DLA Piper advised Bessemer Venture Partners in the Series B financing of New York-based real estate technology company Spruce.

DLA Piper advises Sabey Data Centers in its US\$800 million issuance of securitized notes

1 May 2020

DLA Piper represented Sabey Data Centers, a privately owned multi-tenant data center owner, developer and operator, in its inaugural issuance of US\$800 million in securitized notes.

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 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 advises DT Holdings Corporation in the US\$350 million sale of Docutech to First American

3 March 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented DT Holdings Corporation in Docutech's US\$350 million sale to First American.

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 announces new US and global sector leadership

22 January 2020

DLA Piper is pleased to announce several recent changes to the firm's US and global sector leadership teams. They include:

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.

Sustainability and ESG

In 2019, the global value of professionally managed commercial real estate (CRE) was estimated to be US\$1.6 trillion. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) is no longer an emerging trend in this large global asset class – it is now an important component of CRE investment and is integrated into the investment decision-making of many of the world's leading real estate investors. In some jurisdictions, real estate, owners and operators must also contend with social issues, particularly affordable housing, which means taking into consideration property regulations, community engagement, employee relations, brand and reputation.

Increasingly, prudent real estate investors and operators understand that setting and reporting on ESG-related performance indicators – including on energy usage, waste management, greenhouse emissions and employment rights – can have a positive long-term impact on the value of their properties.

Key sustainability and ESG issues in the Real Estate sector include:

- **Green buildings and leases:** With the built environment reportedly responsible for over 40 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, many builders and developers have been working closely with governments as they strive to achieve emissions targets under the Paris Agreement on climate change. Energy efficient buildings are the tip of the iceberg; the real estate market is also responding to demand for green homes and commercial buildings that feature water-saving and greywater recycling technology, upgraded insulation and a renewable energy supply. Real estate investors and owners have developed green leases that build in sustainability features as legally binding contractual conditions, such as biodiversity protection targets for contractors, retrofitting

requirements for landlords and energy usage limits for occupiers.

- **Green financing and impact investment:** Innovative green financing mechanisms have unlocked investment in sustainable real estate. Certain real estate investors are seeking more than economic returns; they also desire to invest in projects and properties that will have a positive social impact (eg, affordable housing; solar projects, wind farms). One challenge for these so-called social impact companies is attracting capital by demonstrating sustainability despite today's competing ESG standards and ratings systems that often fail to capture real performance. Developing ESG due diligence tools can help to identify risks and clear the path for sustainable investment.
- **Increased information, reporting and disclosure requirements:** By harnessing new data tools and technologies, the real estate sector has been improving on both internal and external reporting against sustainability and ESG standards. Many jurisdictions impose mandatory sustainability disclosure requirements, such as the EU's Non-Financial Reporting Directive. Leading businesses also participate in voluntary reporting programs, such as the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Energy Star rating system and Global Reporting Initiative standards. The challenge is in navigating these at times competing reporting systems and keeping up with evolving standards and expectations.
- **Towards a circular economy in the built environment:** A circular economy aims to gradually decouple growth from the consumption of finite resources, rethinking materials sourcing, energy use, energy supply and waste management at all stages of the business life cycle and across the supply chain. Leaders in real estate have applied circular economy principles to save costs while embedding sustainability into their business strategy. Successful real estate businesses have developed smart circular designs which reuse materials or existing structures to create resource efficiencies and minimize waste.
- **Climate change and environmental planning:** Participants in the real estate sector are already well aware that property values are vulnerable to the physical impacts of climate change. Sea-level rise, drought, and heat stress, for example, increase risks to entire metropolitan areas – not only to individual real properties and locations. In some cases, environmental planning laws lag behind the modelling on likely climate scenarios, and developers and investors must take the initiative to prepare for impacts and climate-proof their investments.
- **Regenerative solutions and community benefits:** Real estate projects that fail to engage with local communities risk damaging their reputations. Some real estate companies have built success by ensuring their real estate developments benefit the community – for example, through community revitalization, sensitivity to access to transit, and regenerative solutions.

To discuss the implications of these issues for your business, please contact our ESG leaders.