

Practices

Construction

The value of construction starts is expected to increase in the coming years. Yet despite the positive outlook, uncertainty looms over the sector. A volatile political and funding landscape, ever-evolving project delivery methods, new technologies, a changing workforce, and ever-changing risk profiles will have notable impacts on the sector. In this evolving environment, experienced and insightful legal counsel will be essential in navigating a path for success.

Akerman's national Construction Practice is involved in the legal aspects of major construction initiatives and infrastructure projects around the world, providing pragmatic counsel on contracting strategies, contract drafting, formation, and administration issues, as well as construction litigation and various alternative dispute resolution methodologies. Our multidisciplinary team serves a wide array of sector participants, including contractors, public and private owners, design professionals, insurance carriers, sureties, and lenders. Working in tandem with our nationally acclaimed real estate practice, we provide integrated and seamless representation throughout the entire lifecycle of a construction project—from early project planning, structuring, and development to final project delivery. Our in-depth knowledge and experience helps clients navigate the challenges that will be faced at the inception of a project to avoid pitfalls and problems during the performance of the project.

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Our team is recognized by *The Legal 500* as a national leader in construction law. We are preeminent in our experience and representation of clients on a variety of design and construction projects, including transportation, energy (renewable and conventional), petrochemical and heavy industry, public infrastructure, housing, government facilities, healthcare, sports, hotels and resorts, multifamily, and mixed-use development projects. Our team, which includes board certified and LEED accredited lawyers as well as former engineers and project managers, is “extremely astute at strategy” (*Chambers USA*), providing clients with practical legal and business advice so they can manage risks and successfully complete the most complex projects.

What We Do

- Contracting strategies, such as bid packaging, delivery systems, pricing structures, and the use of incentives
- Construction contract formation, negotiation, and administration
- Contract modifications and change order negotiation and documentation
- Construction liens, surety bonds, and performance guarantees
- Government contracts involving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Navy, GSA, U.S. Postal Service, and other federal agencies, as well as state and local agencies, on a wide range of

procurement compliance issues, bid protests, and claims resolution

- Custom integrated project documentation systems and eDiscovery techniques
- Joint venture arrangements and special purpose entity formation
- Environmental counseling
- Construction litigation and arbitration, including claims associated with defects, project delay and disruption, warranty disputes, and performance guarantees
- Disputes involving design deficiencies, errors, and omissions
- Disputes arising out of default terminations and terminations for convenience