

Practices

Land Use and Development

A shifting regulatory environment, potentially volatile relationships with local governments, shortages of entitled land, and limited access to capital are among the many hurdles facing developers of real estate projects. Astute legal counsel can help chart a course for successful completion of even the most challenging projects.

Akerman's nationally recognized Land Use and Development Practice advises a nationwide roster of real estate developers, landowners, investors, and lenders on the full spectrum of land use and development matters, including acquisitions, land assemblage, project and public finance, land use entitlements, development incentives, and zoning and concurrency issues. Our lawyers and planners deliver customized solutions to help clients meet their objectives for the most complex and challenging projects, including mixed use, planned developments, and adaptive re-use planned developments.

Because ongoing regulatory changes continue to complicate the entitlement process, clients call on us for assistance in obtaining entitlement approvals from local and state governments to reposition and proceed with their projects and for guidance on regulatory compliance issues. Our multidisciplinary team boasts the knowledge and experience to handle all aspects of a project, integrating the full range of legal services—from financing and environmental law to litigation and appellate law—needed to bring their projects to fruition.

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Known and respected by the development and regulatory communities, we work productively with participants on all sides of the development process. Many of our lawyers and planners have held high-level positions with local and state government agencies so we are intimately familiar with the staff and the regulations that govern development projects. We have been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Legal 500*, *Best Lawyers*, and *Law360* as one of the nation's top law firms for land use and zoning, construction, environment, and real estate law.

What We Do

- Acquisitions and assemblages of real property
- Project and public finance
- Land use entitlements
- Development incentives
- Zoning and concurrency matters
- Environmental regulations and compliance
- Construction contracting and litigation
- Real estate litigation
- Green building certification