

## Real Estate

### Related Practices

Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Creditors' Rights  
Construction Law

### Related Industries

Alternative & Renewable Energy  
Consumer Financial Services  
Electric Cooperatives  
Energy Litigation & Appeals  
Food & Beverage  
Oil & Gas  
Siting, Zoning, Licensing & Energy Infrastructure

## Overview

With one of the largest collections of practitioners in the Midwest, together with added depth from lawyers in our coast-to-coast network of offices, Dykema's Real Estate practice is consistently recognized as one of the nation's leading practices. We regularly garner high rankings from *Chambers USA*.

Dykema's experienced real estate team fully understands the often complex and competing interests in real estate transactions and disputes. Clients benefit not only from our business-minded approach to handling these matters, but also from efficient and cost-effective representation. From planning to execution, our real estate practitioners apply new ideas and forward thinking techniques to solve the most sophisticated client issues. We carefully consider appropriate staffing in each matter—both by specialty and level of experience—to bring a diverse perspective to every engagement. We also leverage the experience and insight of our colleagues who practice in other areas, such as in corporate, tax, construction, environmental and employment law, in a way that enhances efficiency while keeping our clients' objectives in mind.

Our real estate lawyers provide personalized service and practical advice to a broad client roster—including owners, lenders, developers, corporate users, tenants, receivers, investors, local government agencies, contractors, architects and property managers—both corporate and private, both large and small. For these and other clients, our representation covers, in depth, all aspects of real estate law, including without limitation, the following highlighted areas: affordable housing and community development; development; land use and zoning; leasing and property management; finance; tax incentives and economic development; workouts and water rights.

### Affordable Housing and Community Development

For more than 50 years, Dykema has been a leader in the affordable housing and community redevelopment industry. Our representative clients include leading national financial institutions, nonprofit and for-profit developers, syndicators and government agencies. **Read more.**

### Land Use and Zoning

Our lawyers have the essential experience needed to assist developers through the complicated landscape of local and state rules, regulations and laws to obtain all entitlements to successfully complete land projects. We are familiar with the local municipal forums that confront developers and we have substantial experience before both local and state boards and commissions. **Read more.**

### Leasing and Property Management

Backed by decades of experience in office, retail and industrial commercial leasing transactions, as well as property management, Dykema regularly represents institutional and entrepreneurial property owners including REITs, multi-national pension funds, insurance

companies, developers and mortgagees in aggregating millions of square feet of real estate capital each year. **Read more.**

## Real Estate Development

Dykema provides comprehensive representation to clients active in new real estate development and the redevelopment of existing facilities. From blueprint to opening day, we identify issues and deliver solutions that meet—and exceed—client needs and expectations. **Read more.**

## Real Estate Finance

Dykema has extensive national experience representing clients in all areas of real estate finance. We represent nearly 40 national, local and foreign banking and other financial institutions as well as borrowers in commercial loan transactions in all types of complex financing transactions—from acquisition and development loans, to bond financings and debt/equity transactions. **Read more.**

## Real Estate Tax Incentives and Economic Development

Dykema's tax attorneys work with the firm's real estate and corporate attorneys and government policy advisors to help corporate, nonprofit, state and tribal government entities maximize opportunity and minimize overall project costs through federal and state economic development and tax incentive programs. **Read more.**

## Real Estate Workouts

Dykema is well positioned to help clients maintain value and maximize recovery—while minimizing risk and expense—in troubled projects throughout the country. Fueled by an efficient, results-oriented and appropriately aggressive approach, our team is experienced in a full range of matters from complex workouts, foreclosures and restructurings, to project repositioning and high-stakes litigation. **Read more.**

## Water Rights

Dykema lawyers advise clients in a variety of industries regarding water rights and legal issues involved in the provision of water services. **Read more.**

## Publications

"Changes In Transportation Are Poised To Transform Commercial Real Estate"

July 24, 2017

*Commercial Investment Real Estate*

"Guaranties in Real Estate Loan Transactions"

April 2017

*Commercial Real Estate Financing*, chapter

"Real Estate Deals Demand a Delicate Balance"

September 3, 2015

*Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*

"Legally Speaking -- Attorney/Broker Working Relationship"

March/April, 2014

*The Leader*

"Potential Green Lease Pitfalls"

November/December, 2013

*The Leader*

"'Concealed Carry' is law: So now what for property owners?"

July 25, 2013

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*Crains Chicago Business*

"Reckless Abandon: Vacant Property Ordinances Create Legal Uncertainties" (Co-Authored) 68 *Bus. Law* 669  
February 2013

"This Land is Your Land: Tran v. Macha and the Hostile Intent Standard in Texas Adverse Possession Law,"  
64 *Baylor L. Rev.* 569 (2012)

"Crystal Manor Preserved as Affordable Housing"

February 2010

*Novogradac Journal of Tax Credits Vol. I, Issue II*

"Piquette Square: Home for Homeless Veterans in Detroit"

October 2009

*Novogradac Journal of Tax Credits Vol. II, Issue X*

## Speaking Engagements

Opportunity Zones – Detroit

November 29, 2018

Opportunity Zones – Chicago

November 27, 2018

The New Successor in Interest Rules: What Mortgage Servicers Need to Know

February 27, 2018

Commercial Real Estate Financing 2017

April 6-7, 2017

*One Sided Contracts: Do They Pay-Off*, American College of Construction Lawyers Annual Conference, Laguna Beach, California

February 20, 2016

*Career Strategies for Lawyers: Ideas for a Successful Career*, University of California, Irvine, School of Law

March 31, 2015

*Small Business Legal Academy*, Wayne State University, Faculty Member, Real Estate

February 14, 2015

*Homeward Bound: Eminent Domain - Practice and Pitfalls*, Institute of Continuing Legal Education Seminar (moderator/speaker)

December 2014

*Tenant Build Out Issues*, Roundtable Presentation, International Council of Shopping Centers National Law Conference, Orlando, Florida

October 22-25, 2014

*Guidance Update*, Vapor Intrusion - A Complimentary Briefing, Detroit, Michigan

October 15, 2014

*The Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act ("UCPA"): Pitfalls and Practical Considerations*, International Right of Way Association, Michigan Chapter 7, Fall Education Seminar

September 2013

*The Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act ("UCPA")—Pitfalls and Practical Considerations*, International Right of Way (IRWA), Michigan Chapter, Fall Education Seminar, Inn at Bay Harbor, Michigan

September 2013

Navigating the Chicago Real Estate Market in 2012

April 19, 2012

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Navigating the Chicago Real Estate Market in 2011  
December 9, 2010