

Real Estate

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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* and have been ranked nationally in Real Estate among 2021 "Best Law Firms" by U.S. News – Best Lawyers.

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 Litigation

Dykema's Real Estate Litigation team employs a holistic approach to provide clients predictable and efficient dispute resolution legal services from pre-litigation through post-trial stages. Whether the dispute is between a landlord and tenant, lender and borrower, municipality and developer, owner and contractor, or between neighboring property owners, our litigators bring a depth of experience and understanding to resolving these disputes efficiently and with the client's business in mind. Dykema's Real Estate Litigation team's experience includes landlord/tenant and lease enforcement matters; breach of contract; partnership, joint venture, and closely-held business disputes; property and easement disputes; condemnation; land use/zoning; nuisance claims; title priority disputes and contested foreclosures; real property taxes; and water rights, among other matters. **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

"Knowing Your Zoning Appeal Deadlines Could be the Difference Between Development and Disappointment"

November 2020

State Bar of Michigan's Real Property Law Section Newsletter

"Responding to Retail Tenant Payment Defaults: A Guide for Illinois Landlords"

August 27, 2020

REJournals

Real Estate (Cont.)

"Virtual Open Meetings During The Pandemic"

June 30, 2020

Michigan Lawyers Weekly

"Preparing for evictions and lease litigation in the wake of the pandemic"

June 17, 2020

REJournals

"Virtual Reality – Navigating Land Use and Zoning Decisions in the COVID-19 Era"

June 15, 2020

State Bar of Michigan

"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

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

Insider Lease Agreements, Financial Poise "Fairness Issues in Real Estate-Based Bankruptcies" Webinar Series

March 2, 2021

Whose Lien Is It Anyway? Rights, Remedies, and Priority of Liens on Tenant Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment, ISBA

Commercial Banking, Collections, and Bankruptcy Law Section

October 20, 2020

Opportunity Zones – Detroit

November 29, 2018

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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

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