



# REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

Christian & Barton represents lenders and developers in virtually all aspects of commercial real estate law, in matters ranging from the formation of development entities to acquisition financing and project development.

Initially, we assess a client's business objectives to determine what development entity best suits its needs, whether it be a limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, syndication or other ownership entity. We then prepare the transaction documents as required for a client's specific development project. We also assist development entities in financing the acquisition and development of real estate, including construction loans and permanent loans for private and public projects — shopping centers, office buildings, industrial parks, hotels, apartments and mixed-use developments.

Throughout this process, we advise clients regarding tax planning, land use, environmental and energy matters.

Our real estate lawyers often draw upon the expertise of other firm lawyers who specialize in tax, environmental, energy and administrative law. After closing, our lawyers continue to assist owners and lenders on issues such as leasing, refinancing, and property management.

In addition, our real estate lawyers represent clients before planning commissions, zoning boards and boards of supervisors to obtain necessary governmental approvals for proposed projects. We also have considerable expertise in representing condominium owner associations and other neighborhood organizations on a variety of issues.

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