

REAL ESTATE

Williams & Connolly LLP has considerable experience both in litigating substantial real estate disputes and in advising clients in real estate transactions.

The firm has represented owners, developers, and builders of shopping centers, office buildings, and residential projects in a variety of matters. Williams & Connolly lawyers have also represented hotel companies in matters relating to the acquisition of new properties and in litigation involving management agreements pursuant to which the hotels are operated. These representations have included pre-complaint investigations and demands, trials and arbitrations, and appeals. The firm obtained a jury verdict for its client, a real estate investment trust, in a \$30 million claim over the sale of an apartment complex. The firm also successfully handled an arbitration for a client sued by a national home developer for breach of a land development contract. The firm has long represented a national hotel chain, and litigates the full spectrum of real estate and development claims, including, most recently, litigation over that hotel chain's alleged violation of an exclusive taxi franchise.

REPRESENTATIVE REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Examples of our experience include:

- Representation of hotel company in suit for specific performance of contract to acquire the Loew's L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
- Representation of **The Washington Post** in dispute over ownership rights of building adjacent to the Post's main building.
- Representation of shopping center developer in lawsuit brought by contractor alleging delay damages in construction of mall.
- Defense of claims alleging design and construction defects in residential townhomes.
- Representation of major shopping center owners in lease disputes with tenants.
- Representation of the **Mills Corporation** (the developers of Potomac Mills) in various matters.
- Representation of developers in zoning disputes involving local governments and community groups.
- Negotiation and drafting of organizational documents for numerous real estate projects.
- Negotiation of leases for large commercial tenants.

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LIKES TO SAVE ITSELF FOR
CLIENTS IN MORTAL DANGER."

The American Lawyer

"THE POWERHOUSE WASHINGTON
LAW FIRM WITH A DEEP BENCH."

Wall Street Journal

"WILLIAMS & CONNOLLY, THE
WASHINGTON POWER LAW FIRM."

Washington Post

"A REPUTATION FOR FIERCE
REPRESENTATION OF ITS HIGH-
PROFILE CLIENTS."

National Law Journal

"ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST
PRESTIGIOUS AND FEARED LAW
FIRMS."

The New Republic

"TIGHTLY KNIT, HIGHLY TRAINED,
AND NOTORIOUSLY RELENTLESS."

Legal Times

"WASHINGTON D.C.'S WILLIAMS &
CONNOLLY IS ONE OF THE MOST
PRESTIGIOUS FIRMS IN THE
COUNTRY - AND ONE OF THE MOST
TIGHT-LIPPED."

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- Successful trial defense of **Staffordborough - Reston LLC** in dispute over ownership of Stafford Marketplace development in Stafford County, Virginia. This trial victory cleared the way for the firm's client to develop a 780,000 sq. ft. shopping center and residential project.
- Representation of hotel management company in dispute with hotel owners arising out of management agreements, construction, and bankruptcy proceedings.
- Representation of office building owner in dispute with management company.