

Infrastructure

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Overview

Infrastructure and the built environment touch every facet of our lives. Airports, trains, roads, bridges, tunnels, and mass transit facilities determine how we move. Hospitals and schools determine how we stay well and grow. Communications infrastructure keeps us connected. And all of this is powered by energy. In this interconnected world, Schiff Hardin helps state and local governments, owners, and developers bring these projects on line, and we advise the lenders who help finance them.

Our Infrastructure Industry Team is different. We handle project finance and structuring of infrastructure deals, and we manage acquisitions, dispositions, and investment in infrastructure assets. But unlike most others, our lawyers have boots on the ground – sometimes literally sitting in the construction trailer – providing the real-time services owners need to operate. State and local governments, developers, investors, and owners turn to our multi-disciplinary team to put the deals together, assess risk, and so much more.

We often fit into projects where other law firms may not – developing and managing the procurement process, handling siting and permitting and other environmental issues, running real estate acquisitions, managing citizen activist pushback, resolving construction disputes as they arise or mediating major scheduling disputes before they ripen into litigation, and litigating them if they do. We are more than deal makers – we know what it takes to bring projects online and can help with a project beyond its financial close.

Recognized by our peers and the industry in *Chambers USA*, *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*, *The Legal 500*, and *Law360*, our industry knowledge is bolstered by active involvement and holding leadership positions in many organizations, including the Regional Plan Association, Illinois Solar Energy Association, Women's Infrastructure Network, Citizens Budget Commission, and the Environmental Law Institute.