

Construction: Green Projects

Creating Value For Our Clients

Service Offering

Seyfarth Shaw LLP's Construction Practice Group offers transactional, litigation and counseling services specifically tailored to members of the construction industry engaged in Green Projects.

Background

Whether you are an owner, developer, general contractor, specialty contractor or design professional, it is extremely likely that if you have not already been involved in a Green Project, you will be soon. It is estimated that Green Projects accounted for \$8 billion worth of construction in 2006, and will account for \$60 billion worth of construction by 2010.

Companies and individuals involved in Green Projects face increasing challenges as they seek to synthesize the many technical, contractual, record keeping, and procurement issues unique to these projects. Further complicating this area is the recent proliferation of legislation at the federal, state and local levels mandating, and in some cases providing incentives for, Green Projects. Failing to take these issues and regulations into account can lead to a project that does not meet the owner's Green objectives, as well as claims for damages.

Seyfarth Shaw Service Capabilities

Seyfarth Shaw's Construction Practice Group offers turnkey services to those involved with Green Projects:

Regulatory Counseling. Advice about statutes and regulations that require Green Construction, as well as those that provide incentives for building Green.

Contract Drafting and Negotiation. Preparation of contracts that properly allocate the responsibilities and risks for Green Projects, and analysis of contracts drafted by others to identify trouble spots particular to Green Projects.

Compliance with LEED® Requirements. Assistance with registration, certification and record-keeping issues for LEED Projects.

Claims Avoidance and Resolution. Advice during the course of construction to help avoid claims on Green Projects, and assistance resolving claims should they arise.

LEED Accredited Professionals

The U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of Green Projects. The USGBC offers a comprehensive examination to become a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP). By passing the exam,

LEED APs have demonstrated a thorough understanding of Green Building practices and principles and familiarity with LEED requirements, resources, and processes.

Two of Seyfarth Shaw's Construction Practice Group attorneys are LEED APs, one of whom also holds a degree in architecture. Further, several attorneys in Seyfarth Shaw's Construction Practice Group also hold degrees in engineering. This depth of knowledge makes our team especially well suited to assist companies and individuals with all phases of a Green Project.

Further Information

For more information about how we can help you with your Green/Sustainable Project, please contact the Seyfarth Shaw Attorney with whom you work, or any member of our Construction Practice Group, who, along with our LEED APs, can be found on our website by clicking the Practice Areas link on our home page, then the link to Construction, and then the link to Attorneys. ■