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Typical Legal Services

- ◆ **Provide strategic advice in planning overall capital improvement programs**, from project inception to final completion. Includes assistance in selecting design professionals, environmental consultants and other professionals to carry out the project, as well as assistance in preparing bid packages and awarding the contract.
- ◆ **Prepare construction and design contracts** for architects, engineers and contractors.
- ◆ **Monitor construction, renovation and environmental projects and implement trouble-shooting during the project.** Includes addressing errors and omissions claims, defaults, defective work, and providing practical solutions with assistance from the firm's strategic alliances to address project challenges.
- ◆ **Set strategy** for scheduling, sequencing and phasing during renovation and expansion of facilities.
- ◆ **Resolve outstanding financial, legal liability and warranty issues** at project closeout.
- ◆ **Resolve project disputes** using mediation and other dispute resolution techniques during the project and after completion.
- ◆ **Assist in addressing environmental issues** relating to asbestos, mold, indoor air quality, hazardous waste and other issues.
- ◆ **Litigate and arbitrate disputes** relating to construction claims, construction defects, Mechanic's Liens, and errors and omissions in design.
- ◆ **Resolve environmental compliance issues** through negotiation, administrative proceedings and court.

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Representative Experiences

◆ CORE DRILLING DELAYS DORM PROJECT

When the architect failed to make arrangements for HVAC and plumbing penetrations to be manufactured into pre-stressed concrete, our firm proceeded to a jury trial and recovered approximately \$500,000 on behalf of the HVAC contractor and against the general contractor.

◆ PUBLIC AUTHORITY OWNER REFUSED TO PROCESS CHANGE ORDERS

When a public authority failed to “stay up to date” in decision-making and processing change orders, we represented the surety company and asserted a claim against the public authority for long overdue change order monies which had been withheld.