



Duane Morris real estate attorneys represent national, regional and local developers, investors, lenders, educational institutions and other owners and operators of real estate in the education sector, including in the acquisition, disposition, development, financing (taxable and tax-exempt), leasing and licensing of student housing and other education-related assets, and a variety of other educational institution-related facilities, such as classrooms and libraries.

Duane Morris real estate attorneys provide a practical, business-oriented approach to addressing and resolving legal issues. They have leadership roles or are active in such industry associations as: the Commercial Real Estate Finance Counsel (CREFC or CRE Finance Council), Real Estate Roundtable, National Association of College and Universities Attorneys (NACUA) and the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (Nareit).

ACCOLADES

Chambers
AND PARTNERS

Chambers USA 2022 cites Duane Morris' Real Estate Practice and singles out its attorneys for their

knowledge and experience. Chambers writes that Duane Morris "[a]dvises clients such as developers, financial institutions and investment managers on all aspects of transactional real estate issues. Also a popular choice of firm for its counsel on multifamily properties and projects in the healthcare sector. Capable of assisting both landlords and tenants with leasing issues."

U.S. News-Best Lawyers 2023 Best Law Firms awarded Duane Morris top-tier national ranking in Real Estate Law.



Duane Morris is ranked by both *Commercial Property Executive* and *Law360* as among the top real estate law firms headquartered in the United States.

EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK

- ▶ Represented **BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL** in the sale of its 2 Pierrepont Street building in Brooklyn Heights for **\$35 MILLION**. The 12-story building has more than 40,000 square feet and serves as a rental-housing facility for students and faculty.
- ▶ Obtained land use approvals for **HIGHMARK SCHOOLS** to develop a **\$20 MILLION** charter school in the former Trenton Times building

in Trenton, New Jersey, and a **\$14 MILLION** charter school in Pleasantville, New Jersey.

- ▶ Represented **AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS MLP** in partnership with **CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL**, a provider of working capital financing to charter schools, in connection with the formation of **AMERICAN EDUCATION PROPERTIES LLC** and in the **\$75 MILLION** acquisition of 10 school properties located in six states.
- ▶ Represented **HIGHMARK SCHOOLS**, the developer of a proposed project to turn a former water treatment factory into a new home for the **VINELAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL** in New Jersey.
- ▶ Represented **MERCER COUNTY (NJ) COMMUNITY COLLEGE** in a solar project, in which the client defended a 45 acre, 8MW project to power the college against land use challenges; secured ruling that project was immune from local land use regulation due to county sponsorship.
- ▶ Represented **GRADUATE SCHOOL USA**, a major private educational institution, in connection with the sale of a parcel of land in Washington, D.C., to the Shakespeare Theatre.
- ▶ Represented a client in connection with the **\$200 MILLION** construction and permanent financing of a new **NIH BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER**, acting by and through the **NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**, on the Bayview Campus of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.
- ▶ Represented **UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES** in Philadelphia in property acquisitions, obtaining entitlements, development and financing (including bond financing) for new student housing and other campus facilities.
- ▶ Represented the **FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY** in the purchase of the **GERMAN SCHOOL** from the city of White Plains.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

JULIE S. MEBANE, Partner

619.744.2211 | jsmebane@duanemorris.com

Duane Morris - Firm and Affiliate Offices | New York | London | Singapore | Philadelphia | Chicago | Washington, D.C. | San Francisco | Silicon Valley | San Diego | Los Angeles | Boston | Houston | Dallas | Fort Worth | Austin | Hanoi | Ho Chi Minh City | Shanghai | Atlanta | Baltimore | Wilmington | Miami | Boca Raton | Pittsburgh | Newark | Las Vegas | Cherry Hill | Lake Tahoe | Myanmar | Duane Morris LLP - A Delaware limited liability partnership

This publication is for general information and does not include full legal analysis of the matters presented. It should not be construed or relied upon as legal advice or legal opinion on any specific facts or circumstances. The invitation to contact the attorneys in our firm is not a solicitation to provide professional services and should not be construed as a statement as to any availability to perform legal services in any jurisdiction in which such attorney is not permitted to practice.