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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Please join us for a discussion of updates affecting the construction industry from the general contractor's perspective. We will also open the program for Q&A – don't miss this one!

> Thursday, May 21st 4:00 – 5:00 PM

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Legal Lens: Real Estate Implications of COVID-19

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Our Team





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Additional Resources

We have assembled a firmwide multidisciplinary task force to address clients' business and legal concerns and needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see our <u>COVID-19 Task Force</u> page for additional information and resources.

Sellers of Commercial Real Estate





- Key considerations for Sellers during COVID-19
 - Buyers may push for reduced earnest money
 - Buyers may push for longer due diligence periods
 - Difficult to operate property in "customary" manner
 - Standard purchase and sale forms need to be reviewed
 - Hotels and restaurant spaces are among hardest hit

Buyers of Commercial Real Estate

- Key considerations for Buyers during COVID-19
 - Third party diligence vendors may not be "essential"
 - Difficulty recording documents and closing logistics
 - Difficulty obtaining financing for certain projects
 - Expect longer wait for government approvals and permits
 - Cap rate is suddenly very difficult to measure





From the Landlord's Perspective



- Tough times for Landlords
- Tenant Relief:
 - Discretionary in most cases
- Landlord's obligations do not go away in most cases
- Landlord versus Lender:
 - Landlord must talk to its Lender first!
- In the field/practical considerations

From the Tenant's Perspective



- It's not such a great time to be a Tenant, either.
- Review the Lease:
 - the contract is still KING
- Practical Considerations



Overview: Impact on Construction Projects

- Government Shutdowns
- Delay and Force Majeure
- Negotiating Covid-19 Clauses
 - Fair and Balanced Risk Share
 - Process and Procedure for Mutual Agreement
 - Default to Industry Standard
- Suspension & Termination







Questions and Answers Segment



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