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The business lawyers of **DLA Piper**, based in offices across the United States and around the world, practice in core areas including real estate, corporate and securities, litigation, intellectual property, and government affairs. Worldwide, DLA Piper has more than 3,500 lawyers in 69 offices in 30 countries throughout Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States.

DLA works with clients in development, marketing, sales, finance, management and structuring of timeshares, in establishing and converting to “points-based” structures, creating timeshare condominium structures, complying with timeshare laws and hypothecating commercial paper and notes to lenders. Attorneys have represented clients forming timeshare entities in non-traditional settings, such as cruise ships and recreational vehicles, and also design models for fractional ownership plans and so-called non-equity and private residence clubs.

The firm also advises capital providers—both equity investors and debt capital providers—and ensures that those clients maximize security in the unusual collateral scenarios that timeshare transactions present. They offer counsel to clients about proposed laws and regulations at the federal, state and local levels, providing advice that extends beyond timeshare laws into privacy and data security, labor and employment, zoning and land use, and disabled access.

Working on a broad scale, the firm brings together numerous practice areas to address hospitality industry problems both in the United States and around the world. This includes litigation in disputes concerning hotel ownership and operation; franchise and distribution; bankruptcy; labor and employment; and advertising and promotions. The nationally renowned construction law group guides clients in the design, building and management of complex and phased construction projects, with the support of a broad experience negotiating complex financing arrangements. DLA Piper’s Government Affairs practice works with some of the world’s largest and most influential hotel chains to draft legislation, testimony and briefs and represents clients before federal agencies, Congress and the White House, as well as before state and local government bodies.

