

# TRAILBLAZERS

## REAL ESTATE | CONSTRUCTION LAW

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### **What was the genesis of the path that has made you a trailblazer?**

When I graduated from law school, I knew I didn't want to be a litigator, but I didn't know what type of transactional law I wanted to practice. When I moved to Boston it was right in the middle of the Big Dig (Boston's multi-year, large-scale investment project that was undertaken to improve the flow of traffic and alleviate chronic congestion in the City and surrounding areas). I'd walk to my office one way, and then would have to change my path for the evening commute. Things were constantly changing. And it was exciting – to see progress. I realized then that I loved the tangible nature of real estate, and construction and development in particular. You could see the project on which you were working. There was tangible progress, and that was very fulfilling.

### **What sort of change has resulted from the concept?**

It's only in the past 5 years that I began to really focus on construction and development projects. Until then I had focused on finance, leasing, and acquisition work. Then more and more opportunities arose and I was excited to finally be doing the kind of projects that reminded me of the scale and importance of the Big Dig. From multi-family housing projects to university developments to state and federally-funded mass transit projects. I have been fortunate enough to be a part of some projects that are changing the literal landscape of communities.

### **What bearing will this have on the future?**

With the focus on a plan to restore and renew the country's infrastructure, there is definitely opportunity for some exciting development projects across the country. There will be ample opportunities for my clients, particularly those in the transportation sector.