

# Jenner Provides Counsel for the University of Illinois System's Discovery Partners Institute

## News

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Partner Michelle McAtee leads a team that is advising the University of Illinois on a milestone project: a permanent home for the university's Discovery Partners Institute (DPI).

DPI helps people jumpstart their tech careers, research initiatives, and companies in Chicago. It focuses on applied research and development, business building, and tech talent development.

Later this year, the university will break ground on DPI's headquarters at The 78, Chicago's 62-acre neighborhood on the Chicago River. DPI will have a state-of-the-art home for education and applied research programs and collaborative work with industry partners.

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The Jenner real estate team represented the university in a true public-private partnership: The university acquired the parcel of land where DPI will built, and additional land that will serve as an access road, from the developer of The 78. With the developer, the team negotiated a complex declaration that will govern uses and restrictions on the land. Jenner also counseled the university on the myriad City of Chicago agreements and with funding requirements of the State of Illinois Capital Development Board.

Michelle is a Co-Chair of the firm's Real Estate Transactions Practice. She has extensive experience guiding clients through every aspect of a transaction, from acquisitions and finance deals through project construction, development, and dispositions.

Along with Michelle, the team representing the University of Illinois includes Practice Counsel Katya Lewandowska, Associate Abe Salander, and Partner Sheila Kailus.

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