

Carey Gunn Venditti Joins DLA Piper's Real Estate Practice in Austin

DLA Piper announced that **Carey Gunn Venditti** has joined the firm's real estate practice as a partner in the Austin office.

Venditti advises investors, developers and owners of commercial, mixed-use, multifamily, office, retail, planned-community and condominium projects. She focuses her practice on the acquisition, disposition, financing and development of land and the purchase, sale, financing, leasing, operation and administration of income-producing properties, and has been involved in major projects representing both regional and national clients.

"Carey has an impressive real estate background and is well respected throughout the industry, particularly regarding mixed-use urban development and public-private partnerships," said John Sullivan, chair of DLA Piper's US Real Estate practice. "Texas continues to be an active market for our clients, and Carey will be a great addition to our Texas practice and our national and international real estate platform."

"The Urban Land Institute recently named Austin as the top real estate market to watch, and Carey's arrival reflects our commitment to this growing area and its diverse economy," said John Gilluly, regional managing partner of DLA Piper's Texas offices. "Adding a lawyer like Carey, who combines a strong drive and dedication with years of experience, will improve our ability to serve clients in Austin and throughout Texas."

Venditti was recently selected to serve as the chair of the Austin District for the Urban Land Institute, an organization dedicated to providing leadership in the responsible use of

land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide.

Venditti is the latest addition to DLA Piper's Austin office, following Caryn Smith, who joined the firm's Tax practice earlier this month. Venditti joins the firm from Greenberg Traurig where she was a shareholder. She received her J.D. from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law and her B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin.

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