William B. Tate Joins Norton Rose Fulbright’s LA office as Partner

June 2, 2025, Norton Rose Fulbright, a global law firm, continues to expand its California presence with the addition of William (Bill) B. Tate II, a seasoned real estate partner. With decades of experience, Bill’s expertise encompasses a wide range of complex transactions, including movie studio developments, joint ventures, and IRS Section 1031 exchanges.

Bill joins the firm’s Los Angeles office from K&L Gates. He brings valuable regional insight and expertise. This will help enhance Norton Rose Fulbright’s California real estate practice.

“We are excited to welcome Bill as a leader,” said Jeff Cody, the firm’s US Managing Partner and Global Co-Managing Partner. “He will play a key role in driving our real estate strategy on the West Coast. As California experiences a resurgence in development, particularly in the energy and infrastructure sectors, Bill’s guidance will be crucial. His expertise will help address the growing demand for legal counsel, driven by ambitious climate and housing goals.”

Bill’s practice spans nearly every aspect of real estate. He advises on high-stakes acquisitions, leasing, development, and financing for various properties. These include commercial, industrial, hospitality, and multitenant spaces. His expertise spans from movie studios and medical office campuses to senior living facilities. Bill also has extensive experience in credit facilities, joint ventures, and tenancy-in-common structures. This makes him a well-rounded practitioner in one of the nation’s most complex legal landscapes.

“California’s real estate laws and regulations are intricate

and require deep understanding," said John Jennings, US Head of Real Estate at Norton Rose Fulbright. "Bill's broad transactional experience and in-depth knowledge of California's unique real estate laws will be invaluable. His expertise will support clients as they seize opportunities across the state."

Bill's arrival follows the recent addition of litigator David Bournazian to the firm's Los Angeles office.

"Norton Rose Fulbright's reputation for excellence in legal services is unmatched," Bill said. "I am excited to join a team that shares a commitment to delivering the highest standards of service and fostering strong camaraderie among its lawyers."

Norton Rose Fulbright's real estate practice now includes nearly 50 lawyers in the US. It is consistently recognized as a nationwide leader in The Legal 500 United States. The practice is part of the firm's broader business group. This group has welcomed more than 40 new partners globally this year through promotion or lateral hiring.

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