

## **SPORTS AND EVENT VENUE REAL ESTATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATION**

### **OVERVIEW**

BCLP has extensive experience in connection with the development, leasing and operation of stadiums, arenas and other event venues and with infrastructure matters. We are considered one of the leading law firms in the world, and are the top ranked law firm in the United Kingdom, across real estate law, including with respect to a variety of planning, construction, commercial and litigation matters. With significant experience across the United States, in the United Kingdom and across Europe, Asia and the Middle East, we have the knowledge necessary to handle all aspects of these projects, having served as lead counsel in connection with a number of high profile event venue projects around the world.

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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **STAPLES CENTER (NOW KNOWN AS CRYPTO.COM ARENA) (LOS ANGELES)**

We served as lead counsel to the developer of STAPLES Center (now known as Crypto.com Arena), handling all aspects of the project, from real estate acquisition and rezoning to naming and sponsorship rights and financing. The arena is home to the Los Angeles Lakers, Clippers, Kings, Sparks and Avengers and has hosted such high profile events as NBA and NHL All Star games,

World championship boxing bouts, the Grammy Awards, the 2000 Democratic National Convention, the 2002 U.S. Figure Skating Championship, the X Games, the Summer WTA Tour Championships, the Pac-10 Conference basketball tournament and concerts starring U2, Paul McCartney, the Eagles, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen and others. Situated on nearly 40 acres in downtown Los Angeles and adjacent to L.A. Live entertainment district, the arena boasts nearly five million square feet of entertainment and office space.

## THE O2 (LONDON)

We served as lead counsel to the developer of The O2 Arena and the related entertainment district, handling all aspects of the project, including negotiating and supervising a joint bid with a consortium to negotiate with the UK government for an ambitious plan to redevelop The O2 and rezoning, infrastructure development and lease negotiations. The O2 has become one of the most popular venues in the world, featuring entertainers such as Prince, Metallica, the Spice Girls, the Police and Bon Jovi, and hosted various 2012 Olympic events.

## THE O2 WORLD ARENA (GERMANY)

We served as lead counsel to the developer of The O2 World Arena and the related entertainment district, handling all aspects of the project, including site selection and acquisition, environmental due diligence, rezoning, demolition, infrastructure, development and lease negotiations. The O2 World Arena is home to Berlin's professional hockey and basketball teams and hosts such high profile events as the European skating championships, European gymnastics events, World championship boxing events and world class concerts.

## FA NATIONAL FOOTBALL CENTRE AT ST. GEORGE'S PARK (LONDON)

Over a period of three years, a cross-practice team advised on various legal aspects relating to the design, procurement, planning, financing and operation of the FA's National Football Centre at St. George's Park. St. George's Park is seen as integral to the future of the FA, driving elite performance in football (soccer) in England and Wales, and the heartbeat of Club England for years. We also advised the St. George's Park board on the procurement and financing strategy for this strategic development, comprising leisure, medical and hotel facilities.

## THE COLOSSEUM AT CAESARS PALACE (LAS VEGAS)

We served as lead counsel to the presenter of Celine Dion's highly successful musical extravaganza, "A New Day," for which the venue was specifically built and negotiated the highly complex transactions under which Caesars Palace built The Colosseum. In addition to the Celine Dion show, The Colosseum has hosted Bette Midler, Elton John, Cher and other top drawer talent.

## HOME DEPOT CENTER (NOW KNOWN AS DIGNITY HEALTH SPORTS PARK) (CARSON, CA)

We served as lead counsel to the developer of The Home Depot Center (now known as Dignity Health Sports Park), handling all aspects of the project, from real estate to naming and sponsorship rights. The stadium includes state-of-the-art spectator and training facilities for professional, amateur and Olympic events and athletes and is the home of the Los Angeles Galaxy, the 2011 and 2012 Major League Soccer (MLS) champions, and Chivas USA.

#### BEAVER CREEK RESORT (VAIL, CO)

For more than 20 years, we served as principal outside counsel to the developer of the Beaver Creek Resort near Vail, Colorado. In that capacity, we supervised the acquisition and land use planning for Beaver Creek, wrote all the land use documents for this complex resort, obtained the necessary zoning approvals, supervised the registration of the sale of resort properties in multiple jurisdictions and were involved in the development of a major hotel and numerous multiple-use condominium projects.

#### T-MOBILE ARENA [F/K/A LAS VEGAS ARENA] (LAS VEGAS)

We served as lead counsel to the developer of T-Mobile Arena in connection with the construction and permanent financing of the arena. This arena – a state-of-the-art, 20,000-seat multipurpose event center sponsored by AEG and MGM Resorts International – opened in April 2016, the home of the Vegas Golden Knights NHL club and the site of numerous entertainment events such as concerts and other sporting events.

#### VARIOUS STADIUMS AND EVENT VENUES IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

BCLP has advised in connection with the development, financing, leasing and/or operation of several stadiums, arenas, golf courses, race tracks and other event venues located in St. Louis, Missouri, including the following:

- Edward Jones Dome (St. Louis Rams - NFL)
- Enterprise Center (St. Louis Blues - NHL)
- Stifel Theatre
- The Pageant
- Ballpark Village (Phases I and II)
- World Wide Technology Raceway

#### VARIOUS OTHER STADIUMS AND EVENT VENUES

We have advised in connection with the development, financing, leasing and/or operation of several other stadiums, arenas, golf courses, race tracks and other event venues, including the following:

- Foxboro Stadium (Former home of the New England Patriots - NFL)
- Toyota Park (Chicago Fire - MLS)
- Red Bull Arena (New York Red Bulls - MLS)
- Jack Nicklaus Golf Resort (Quivira Los Cabos - Cabo San Lucas)
- Sprint Center (Kansas City)
- Kansas Speedway (Kansas City)

## OTHER SELECT REPRESENTATIONS

- Over 400 of our lawyers from 13 different legal disciplines acted on over 130 different legal projects for the Olympic Delivery Authority in the build-up to the 2012 London Olympic & Paralympic Games, including significant sports and event venue real estate, infrastructure and operation matters
- Involved in some of the biggest and most innovative infrastructure and development schemes across the UK, including the Shard, Liverpool One, the Olympic Park, 20 Fenchurch Street (the “Walkie Talkie”) and the Millenium Dome
- Advised in relation to the development, redevelopment or relocation of stadiums for multiple Premier League and Championship football (soccer) clubs
- Recently advised on the development, relocation and construction of new stadiums or related infrastructure, including mixed-use venues in four different sports, including work ranging from inception and planning to compulsory purchase, construction, opening and operation
- In three instances, advised at governmental or sport governing body level on the strategic planning required to support major events or important national sport infrastructure in the UK
- Represented Delaware North Companies, Inc. in connection with various concession, food and beverage, catering, merchandise and other agreements involving professional sports teams in each of Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer, the National Basketball Association, the National Football League and the National Hockey League
- Advised multiple professional sports teams and other clients in connection with concession and retail agreements

- Represented various sports teams in connection with their project ground leases and facility use agreements
- Represented various sports teams and stadium owners in connection with their negotiation of sports betting agreements

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