

State, Regional, Provincial, Municipal and Local Government Bodies

Overview

Government authority and autonomy is growing. The issues you face may be challenging. You may be looking to advance a major policy initiative, or simply require assistance with a minor regulatory concern. Whatever the degree of support you require, benefit from working with an experienced law firm that understands intra-governmental affairs and relationships.

Dentons has the knowledge and connections. Our lawyers offer you a full spectrum of legal and advocacy skills. Our team combines experience as strategists with knowledge of real estate, procurement, regulatory and public law requirements, grants management, capital projects and project finance, among others, to deliver practical advice and informed solutions.

Our service extends worldwide. This means that in all jurisdictions you access a network of policy professionals adept at interpreting your needs and representing your interests. Whether you are seeking insight into a legal matter, advice on regulatory matters, or wishing to advance a policy objective, ballot initiative or project, depend on us for guidance.

Look to our lawyers for innovative business and legal solutions in the state, regional, municipal and local government bodies sector, including:

- Advocacy and legislation
- Appropriations
- Contracts, public procurement and outsourcing
- Compulsory purchase and land assembly
- Development, partnering arrangements and funding agreements
- Economic development support
- Judicial review
- Municipal underwriting
- PPP/PFI/PF2
- Procurement
- Real estate, zoning and land use planning
- Statutory interpretation and vires
- Tax credits and grants
- Utilities, waste, water, highways and transportation

Representative Experience

- **Surrey City Centre:** Advising in a case where the taxpayer, Surrey City Centre (a subsidiary of ICBC and one of BC's largest Crown corporations), was assessed for failing to pay C\$3 million in government sales tax (GST) on a C\$41 million damage settlement. The court allowed the taxpayer's appeal and held that the payment was not subject to GST because the payment was made by the Provincial Crown, which is exempt from GST.