

## **PUBLIC POLICY & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

### **OVERVIEW**

BCLP offers advice and consulting in the complex matters of regulatory affairs, public policy and legislation. The lawyers and non-lawyer consulting professionals on our team represent clients before a variety of federal regulatory agencies, the United States Congress, state legislatures, governors, attorneys general and county and municipal governments. Our clients include corporations, trade associations, governmental entities and non-profit organizations.

We combine substantive knowledge of the law with access to a wide variety of established legislative, state and congressional relationships. Many are former senior government officials, including assistant U.S. attorneys, chief counsels of congressional committees, local government practitioners and general counsels, assistant secretaries and bureau chiefs of cabinet departments and state and federal agencies. Our team leverages experience and access for client success.

BCLP provides advice and counsel to companies, institutions and individuals facing regulatory, legislative or other Washington policy challenges. Our firm's principals have experience at all levels of the federal government and relationships with political, elected and organizational leaders in the nation's capital and throughout the country, and can effectively advise clients on how to navigate an often confusing political or legislative terrain. We help clients achieve the coveted goal of maintaining a strong presence in Washington, D.C.

We understand how to wage and win a political battle. Our principals are seasoned veterans, adept at overcoming obstacles. We advise on complex issue campaigns by developing comprehensive strategies and the steps needed to implement them. Our principals have true Washington insight to guide clients through the beltway's inner circles and inner workings. We identify and help develop essential relationships to build the political support and coalitions that will advance client objectives.

## MEET THE TEAM



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## EXPERIENCE

We represent clients in a broad range of policy areas and legislative fields. In addition to providing general legislative representation, lawyers in the group have particular experience in the following fields:

- Antitrust
- Banking
- Consumer protection
- Education
- Energy and natural resources
- Environmental policy
- Export control and sanctions
- Financial Services
- Health care

- Homeland Security
- Intellectual property
- International trade
- National security and defense
- Tax and finance
- Transportation and infrastructure

Our client work has been diverse, including representation of:

- Transportation interests, including railroads, airports, seaports, overnight shipping services and pipeline companies.
- Energy companies, including integrated electric utilities.
- Public entities, including state and local governments and publicly chartered corporations and authorities.
- Communications companies and associations, including cable television systems, radio and television stations, cellular telephone providers, microwave transmission companies, satellite users and radio common carriers in matters of licensing, purchase and sale transactions, public and private financings, litigation and general counseling.
- Commercial banks, savings associations, savings banks and domestic and foreign depository institution holding companies in matters related to their regulation and operation.
- Clients being investigated by the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission and state attorneys general for alleged violations of state and federal Do-Not-Call rules and those needing compliance advice on privacy and advertising issues, including compliance with the Telemarketing Sales Rule, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Truth in Lending Act, California privacy laws and CAN-SPAM.
- Manufacturers, importers, distributors and retailers of consumer products seeking counsel on product safety and reporting obligations under the Consumer Product Safety Act and related statutes, including the Flammable Fabrics Act and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act.
- Manufacturers and exporters of high-technology, satellite and defense-related products seeking compliance counseling and government authorizations under the Export

Administration Regulations, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations and various sanctions regulations.

- Those navigating a wide range of customs regulations and international trade issues, including regulations related to motor vehicles, steel, textile and apparel products, footwear, retailing, electronic products and other consumer goods.
- Manufacturers facing environmental litigation or regulatory and legislative matters connected with air, water, hazardous waste, toxic substance, underground injection and occupational safety.
- Corporations that seek advice on issues of state and federal government relations when proposed legislation could impact their business, including energy legislation, real estate matters, nursing homes legislation and health care and physician issues.
- Clients being investigated by state attorneys general multistate task forces for issues ranging from antitrust to consumer protection violations.
- Clients seeking advice on state health plans, procurements and other issues.

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### **Adjudication and insolvency: interface of two statutory regimes affecting the construction industry**

Adjudication has become a key tool in the construction industry, helping employers and contractors resolve disputes quickly and keep cash flowing on projects. But when insolvency enters the picture, things can get tricky – especially when it comes to enforcing adjudication decisions or allowing insolvent parties to take part in the process. In this insight, we take a closer look at the legal approach to the interaction between adjudication and insolvency in England & Wales and Singapore, and what to look forward to in Hong Kong SAR as the Construction Industry Security of Payment Ordinance was gazetted on 27 December 2024 and will come to effect fully on 28 August 2025.

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As we step into the new year, the Hong Kong Government unveiled its ambitious 132-page Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0. This comprehensive plan aims to overcome the current challenges posed by economic slowdown, heightened competition, geopolitical tensions and recruitment difficulties. With the collaborative efforts of many stakeholders in implementing the Blueprint, the expected value added by the tourism industry is projected to rise by approximately 60% over the next 5 years, from HK\$75.3 billion in 2023 to HK\$120 billion. Employment in the sector is also set to rise significantly, with an estimated 44% increase over the same period, bringing the total to approximately 210,000 jobs (up from 145,600 in 2023). The overarching strategy for Hong Kong's tourism development over the next five years is to solidify its status as a world-class premier tourist destination. The ...

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In this Insight, first published in PLC Construction, Anna Blest, Sasha Rubinstein, Jack Mcfadden and Tiffany Babayemi consider the key takeaways from the RIBA Artificial Intelligence Report 2024.

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## **2023 China "Two Sessions": key takeaways from the Government Work Report**

The National People's Congress, as an important part of China "Two Sessions", started its annual meeting on 5 March 2023, in which Premier Li Keqiang delivered the government work report for 2023 ("GWR") to policymakers, setting the tone for the Chinese economy in the coming year. The GWR touched on important aspects of economy and trade, namely foreign investment, boosts to funding and technological innovation. We have set out below the key takeaways from the policy measures outlined in the GWR, as a brief guide to assist foreign investors with an interest in understanding the direction of the Chinese economy in the post-COVID era.

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## **Key Takeaways from President Xi's Speech at China's 20th Communist Party Congress**

On 16 October 2022, China's President Xi Jinping ("Xi") gave his opening speech to kick off the 20th National Congress of China's Communist Party (the "CCP") (the "Congress"), a political meeting held every five years to set out the CCP's objectives and to elect the leaders for the next term. Xi outlined in his speech the blueprint on the long-term objectives covering a wide range of matters from economy and Covid policy to national security. We set out the key takeaways in this article which may be relevant for foreign investors.

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## **Round 3: Continued Sanctions Against Russia (and Belarus) – Focus on Russian Banks**

In response to the increased escalation in Ukraine, on February 24, 2022, the United States imposed another round of sanctions against Russian financial institutions, state-owned agencies, and Russian elites with close ties

to President Putin. The third tranche of sanctions include full blocking sanctions, correspondent and payable-through account sanctions, and restrictions on transactions involving new debt and equity. These sanctions span more industries than the previous sanctions, but still primarily focus on financial institutions. Prior alerts discussed the February 21 sanctions and February 22 sanctions. In addition to the sanctions against Russian entities and individuals, the U.S. Government has also issued sanctions against entities and individuals in Belarus's defense and financial sectors.