

## ALERTS AND UPDATES

### New Massachusetts Prompt-Pay Law to Govern Private Construction

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Signed by Mass. Gov. Deval Patrick on August 10, 2010, Massachusetts' new "prompt-pay" law will fundamentally affect payment terms on private construction projects. The law<sup>1</sup> becomes effective on November 8, 2010, and applies to all projects that entered into their prime contracts on or after that date.

The prompt-pay law will govern all construction projects greater than \$3 million (except for one- to four-unit residential projects). It establishes a new section 29E in chapter 149 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

For detailed information on the new law, please see our previous *Alert*, "[Massachusetts Prompt-Pay Act Heads to Governor's Desk](#)."

### About Duane Morris

Understanding that section 29E presents many nuances to be considered, Duane Morris's construction attorneys will be conducting a "[Breakfast Briefing on Massachusetts' Prompt Pay Law](#)" on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

### For Further Information

If you have any questions regarding this *Alert* or would like more information about Massachusetts' prompt-pay act, please contact [Stanley A. Martin](#), [Michael B. Donahue](#), any [member](#) of the [Construction Group](#) or the attorney in the firm with whom you are regularly in contact.

### Note

1. Enacted as chapter 293 of the Acts of 2010.