

# DLA PIPER

## San Francisco, CA

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### Size

85,000 square feet

### Project Highlights

New five-floor build-out; Space plan encourages casual interactions and universal office sizes reduce emphasis of staff hierarchy; Workplace reflects the local practice, integrated cultures from recent practice mergers and acquisitions, and consistency of DLA Piper's corporate brand; Maximized amenity spaces with flexible conferencing

### Services Provided

Workplace strategies; Full service interior design and architecture

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DLA Piper is one of the world's largest legal service providers and required the services of an architectural firm to translate their international reputation and culture into an efficient design for their new 85,000 square-foot office. The IA design team integrated the latest law practice trends into the design in order to create a workplace that reflects their successful, local practice, integrate the cultures from recent practice mergers and acquisitions, and maintain a consistency of DLA Piper's corporate brand.

IA developed an intimate knowledge and understanding of DLA Piper's business and how they interact with their clients. This understanding enabled IA to develop a detailed program and space plan that encourages casual and informal interactions between attorneys and their clients. In an effort to maximize efficiencies and increase practice flexibility, the firm adopted universal office sizes, reducing the emphasis on hierarchal office allocations.

The overall design incorporates rich finishes and modern design through a unique blending of light and dark contrasting wood elements, while maximizing access to natural light and providing large flexible-use conferencing and amenity spaces.