

DLA PIPER

Boston, Massachusetts

Client: DLA Piper



The merger of three law offices — European-based DLA, East Coast-based Piper Rudnick, and Los Angeles-based Gray Cary — has created one of the largest law firms in the world. Elkus Manfredi worked closely with the new firm’s building committee to design its Boston office. The assignment: to express the cutting-edge nature of the new firm’s law practice, its commitment to collaboration, and its global reach.

The space, located in the 33 Arch Street office tower, which was also designed by Elkus Manfredi, presented the opportunity to bring a new dynamic of transparency to the world of law. Perimeter offices for partners and associates are almost entirely constructed of glass, creating an open, interactive environment that encourages free exchange and mentoring.

The need for confidentiality is realized in a centralized conference area featuring privacy glass. Specially designed windows extend the spectacular views on both sides of each office and allow visual connection with the building’s simple and graceful exterior curve, which is echoed throughout the space. Sophisticated furniture, finishes, and materials — including Italian stone flooring, stainless steel, wood, glass, and leather — are clean and uncluttered, reflecting the direct, straightforward work ethic of this new firm and its position at the forefront of a transformation in the practice of law.



