

Haynes Boone Represents New York Philharmonic in Financing for Geffen Hall Renovation

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The New York Philharmonic's home will reopen in fall 2022, nearly two years ahead of schedule, thanks in part to behind-the-scenes legal work by Haynes Boone.

The firm represented the New York Philharmonic in connection with financing that will allow it to speed up the planned \$550 million renovation of David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Partner [Alex Grishman](#) led the Haynes Boone deal team representing the Philharmonic in the financing, with assistance from two of his colleagues in the firm's New York office: Partner Daniel Lisk and Associate [Eitan Stavsky](#). First Republic Bank was represented by Norton Rose Fulbright. Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts was represented by Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP.

About \$500 million has been raised for the renovation of David Geffen Hall, the vast majority coming from private sources, the Philharmonic and Lincoln Center announced.

Originally, the renovation project was to be done in stages that would allow the orchestra to remain in the hall some of the time. Concert cancellations because of COVID-19 allowed construction to begin earlier than planned.

"Our accelerated renovation plan for David Geffen Hall allows us to make the most of COVID-19 closures to complete the renovation process faster and more efficiently, without stops and starts," Deborah Borda, Linda and Mitch Hart, president and CEO of the New York Philharmonic, said in an April 5 statement.

Adam Cox, executive director of the New York Philharmonic, said: "Haynes Boone played a critical role in allowing the New York Philharmonic and Lincoln Center to accelerate the renovation of David Geffen Hall. Because of the deep expertise and experience of Alex and his team, we were confident throughout this complex negotiation. We are grateful to have had them as partners."

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The following publications reported on Haynes Boone's representation of the New York Philharmonic:

[Law.com Radar](#)

[ABL Advisor](#) (subscription only)

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