



## Energy and Natural Resources

In a world where the demands for energy are growing exponentially, those operating in the energy sector are looking to their lawyers to provide more than legal skill; they are also seeking in-depth sector know-how and innovative solutions to the challenges they face. DLA Piper's energy lawyers deliver to our clients the focused, innovative sector advice they need, wherever in the world they need it.

In a sector of relentless change, demand and complexity, private and public corporations wisely rely on experienced, global legal counsel for any matter involving energy.

We are entering an era of unprecedented demand for power generation and transmission, especially within emerging economies. This dynamic, together with the challenges we all face from climate change, is creating new opportunities for alternative energies and new technologies.

Our energy clients receive coordinated, across-the-board coverage for their needs, including construction and projects, corporate, competition, regulatory, contractual, trading, litigation/arbitration, dispute resolution and tax issues. We understand the technical, geographical, commercial and geopolitical factors that shape the industry and have first-hand access to contacts, sponsors and decision makers worldwide.

DLA Piper's energy team includes experts in the detailed, multi-layered and often complex regulatory frameworks that apply to energy sector projects and activities. We advise regulators, the regulated, investors and other industry participants on the implications of the regulatory framework during the planning, development and operational stages of many energy projects and activities.

For decades, we have represented organizations operating in the sector throughout the world. Our global team serves clients in the power, oil and gas, renewable, nuclear, energy trading, climate change and water markets. Alongside energy companies, our clients include project sponsors, corporations, developers, financial institutions, governments, utilities and regulatory bodies.

We work with a broad scope of clients ranging from the world's largest oil and gas companies to investment banks active in energy and commodities trading and venture-backed alternative energy entrepreneurs. Our lawyers provide strategic advice on planning, development, financing and permitting matters, as well as legislative, political and regulatory issues.

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### FOCUS AREAS

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## Commodities trading

DLA Piper is one of the very few law firms that offers the full suite of services associated with successful structured finance transactions. Our team brings long-standing trading and structured transaction experience and specific industry experience to our trading clients. We are particularly well suited to effect quick and innovative structures for our trading clients operating in the energy, agro, transport and infrastructure sectors around the world. We represent a wide range of companies that trade, finance and transport such products. We also represent project investors, banks specializing in trade finance for commodities ventures and financing schemes, and shipping companies that charter, operate and own oceangoing vessels. We know how trading firms operate: fast, efficient, and through the use of transactions that mitigate risk while generating revenue. DLA Piper has the finance and the structured products experience that few firms can offer: we know how to get the deal done. Our added value is our extensive experience and contacts throughout the industry in that we can assist in finding the right counterparty and in structuring the kind of deal that best suits our trading client.

The team is well equipped to structure transactions to mitigate risk in challenging markets, whatever commodities or technologies are involved and is experienced in providing bespoke financing solutions and cutting-edge security packages tailored to our clients' commercial needs.

## Mining

Changing economic conditions are often felt at the mine mouth long before they appear on the balance sheet or the boardroom table. DLA Piper is responsive to our mining clients' needs as they adapt to the cyclical shifts in the global commodities markets. Our innovative solutions assist them to efficiently address these challenges and opportunities.

From startup to divestment or site closure, our Mining legal team can provide a complete legal solution, covering everything from day-to-day operational issues to large scale international transactions and arbitrations.

Our commodities lawyers have detailed knowledge of local regulatory environments, key project drivers and the market. We understand how the many components of a project interact with one another. Our mining team takes a holistic approach to project development, which enables us to offer a balanced assessment in the best interests of the project as a whole. We can assist you to identify, analyze, negotiate and document project structures and to maintain efficiency when the project is operational.

Mining is a truly global industry, and we can provide the location-based assistance as well as the experience and skills that clients in this sector require. For those with projects across countries or continents, we can provide a single point of contact to help manage the delivery of legal services to all of your projects and your personnel.

## Oil and gas

DLA Piper's Oil and Gas lawyers have extensive experience in all segments of the global industry. With a vast network featuring practitioners on the ground in key jurisdictions worldwide, we understand the industry-specific nuances that affect energy transactions and disputes as well as complex, multi-jurisdictional engagements that are part of your strategy wherever you do business.

We handle both onshore and offshore legal work for a spectrum of clients, from major international oil companies, governments and state-owned companies to independents and private equity and mid-market entities. We offer leading lawyers in mergers and acquisitions, project development, finance, tax, environmental, technology and IP, real estate and dispute resolution. All our lawyers work together as a team across our global platform to address your transactional needs and, when necessary, to mobilize immediately.

We work with contractors, developers, utilities, banks, investors and governments, providing strategic advice on planning, development, financing and permitting matters, as well as legislative, political and regulatory issues.

Our experience encompasses:

- **Upstream:** licensing/concessions, exploration and extraction; the operation of oil and gas fields; farm-ins/farm-outs, JOAs, joint venturing

- **Midstream infrastructure:** construction, financing and operation of oil and gas infrastructure, such as pipelines, tank farms and refineries; sales and handling of crude oil and gas, along with the construction of related infrastructure; and CNG/LNG projects/sales
- **Downstream dissemination of products:** offtake of production and the sale of products; lifting and transportation of oil and gas; storage and through-putting of products
- **Acquisition and disposal** of oil and gas interests/assets; due diligence and investigation behind acquisitions
- **Financing for oil and gas:** funding acquisitions; project-financing for developments; funding cash-calls; security structures over oil and gas assets; trading of oil products
- **Shipping and trading** of oil and gas
- International arbitrations and other forms of dispute resolution

## Power

The firm's Power team comprises lawyers throughout the Americas, Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East, positioning us to help energy clients with their legal needs anywhere in the world. Our key service areas within the Power sector include:

- Conventional generation
- Renewables
- Alternative energy
- Transmission and distribution
- Wholesale and retail electricity
- Energy market reform

We advise on all phases of power transactions including:

- Project development
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Financing
- Corporate structuring and tax advice
- Licensing and technology transfer
- Government / regulatory
- Litigation and international arbitration
- Environmental
- Employment

We have completed financings that have been implemented through a variety of structures, including traditional offtaker-based project financings, PAPS tax equity investments, leasing, private placements, portfolio financings, multi-tranche first and second lien structures, export credit agency and other multilateral agency supported transactions. By representing clients with diverse roles in many types of transactions, our group has developed experience that well equips us to assist clients in assessing and resolving the complex issues that arise in project finance matters.

## Renewables

DLA Piper's globally situated Renewables practitioners represent sponsors, lenders, equity investors, multilateral institutions and government bodies and agencies in the development, financing, construction acquisition and sale of, or investment in, a wide range of renewables-related projects and infrastructure projects. Among these are renewable power generation projects, energy storage facilities, utility-scale, distributed and residential solar, on-shore and offshore wind and biomass and other innovative and technology-based entities. We deliver comprehensive services to renewables clients from project finance and development and M&A to tax, environmental, real estate, tech and IP, employment and disputes and arbitrations.

We have advised on hundreds of renewable energy projects developed and financed around the world. Members of our team regularly represent clients in the purchase of wind turbines, solar panels, batteries, inverters, gas turbines and steam generators and other equipment or related and in the evaluation of such contracts in the context of an acquisition or a financing.

We have been active in energy storage for almost a decade and have monitored the industry's progress closely while advising clients on the negotiation of long-term offtake agreements, evolving tariff requirements, the purchase of equipment and project financing, including the landmark financing of a portfolio of battery storage systems.

- Carbon markets: Providing the UK's largest producer of steel with strategic advice on the international climate change regime and the EU emissions trading scheme and assisted with the development and review of its climate change policy.
- Electricity and water: As a result of the work we have done for the Government of Iraq, we are the leading international legal practice operating inside Iraq. This includes representation of the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity in its negotiations to acquire more than US\$5 billion in electricity generation equipment, to procure engineering services and construction contracts and to secure water and fuel supplies. We have also helped the Ministry of Water Resources with large-scale infrastructure projects.
- Oil and gas: We represented BP as principal counsel for the US\$2.4 billion sale of its southern California refining and marketing business, formerly known as ARCO, to San Antonio-based Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company. The contract was signed in August 2012, and the deal closed on June 1, 2013, after receiving clearance from both federal and California regulators.
- Renewable energy: Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme Matters, South Africa. On completion, this will be the largest renewable energy project in the world. Our lawyers in Australia, Hong Kong and London advised more than half of the successful bidders for Phase 1 and 2 of this solar, wind, hydro, biomass and biogas project. We are also acting for bidders and lenders providing project finance for a number of projects in Phase 3. The goal of this landmark project is to generate 42% of all new electricity in South Africa from renewable energy sources over the next 20 years.
- Power: For China Hydroelectric Corporation's successful US\$96 million NASDAQ IPO, we advised on the pre-IPO financing and the acquisition of hydropower plants in China. We also provided structuring advice for its operations, implemented a corporate reorganisation and advised on CDM eligibility.
- Nuclear: We act for virtually all of the site licensee companies (SLCs) in the UK, as well as for the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and other parent body organizations to the SLCs. We are principal advisers to Sellafield Limited, Magnox Limited, International Nuclear Services Limited and are instructed by Westinghouse, DSRL, LLWR and NNL.
- Energy disputes: We achieved a victory for Central New York Oil and Gas Company in a case that cleared the way for development of the US\$257 million Marcellus Shale gas pipeline project. The case was one of first impression on the degree to which federal agencies and private pipeline and energy companies must account for the impacts of Marcellus Shale well drilling when reviewing the environmental effects of pipeline projects.
- Water and wastewater: Represented United Water, a subsidiary of Suez Environnement, in its joint venture with KKR & Co. to acquire a 40-year water and wastewater concession from Bayonne, New Jersey. The concession requires more than US\$300 million of capital improvements, one of the first water and wastewater concession deals completed in the US.

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Energy & Natural Resources Case Law Update

25 APR 2019

Deals in the Energy and Natural Resources (E&NR) Sector are often complex, high value and high stakes, and disputes can arise at any stage of the deal life cycle.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Alert - EU Publishes Artificial Intelligence Ethics Guidelines**

12 APR 2019

On 8 April 2019, the EU's High-Level Expert Group ("AI HLEG") on Artificial Intelligence ("AI") published the much-anticipated "Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI", setting out a horizontal framework for the development and deployment of ethical and robust AI systems across the EU

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### **Top of Mind: Litigation**

20 MAR 2019

In this issue, our coverage of 10 big topics businesses have been thinking about this quarter.

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### **EU Policy & Regulatory Update: EU Adds 8 Russian Officials on Sanctions List in response to Kerch Strait and the Sea of Azov Incident**

19 MAR 2019

On 14 March 2019, the Council of the European Union adopted Council Implementing Regulation 2019/409 and Council Decision (CFSP) 2014/145 adding eight Russian officials to the list targeting those "undermining the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine".

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### **DLA Piper in Latin America: 2018 in review**

28 FEB 2019

While challenges always lie ahead, we are excited by the region's continuing growth.

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### **EnviroLENS - Copernicus for environmental law enforcement**

18 FEB 2019

EnviroLENS, a Horizon 2020 innovation project funded by the European Commission, aims to demonstrate and promote the use of Earth Observation (EO) as direct evidence for environmental law enforcement, including in a court of law and in related contractual negotiations.

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### **Next for Venezuela: the battle for Citgo**

14 FEB 2019

US legal precedent suggests that a Maduro-backed challenge for control of Citgo would face an uphill legal battle.

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### **US government sanctions Petróleos de Venezuela, authorizes US persons to engage in certain limited transactions**

29 JAN 2019

OFAC has sought to limit the sanctions' impacts by issuing a series of General Licenses which create a complex web of *limited* authorizations for US persons.

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## **EU Policy & Regulatory Update: First Designations under EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions Regime**

24 JAN 2019

On 21 January 2019, the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/86 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons, listing nine individuals and one entity under the EU's Chemical Weapons Sanctions regime.

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## **From inception to today: the development of commodity position limits in the United States**

17 JAN 2019

In this sweeping overview, we explore the legislative history of the commodity position limit rules and the bona fide hedge exemption.

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## **Inconsistent dispute resolution clauses - when should the "one-stop shop" give way to gravity?**

27 DEC 2018

Where, in complex commercial arrangements, there is a multiplicity of agreements, problems associated with inconsistencies between them abound. That can have significant consequences, particularly where there is an inconsistency between dispute resolution provisions in different but related contracts.

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## **Energy, Infrastructure and Projects Global Insight Issue 1, 2018**

19 DEC 2018

Welcome to DLA Piper's Energy and Infrastructure Projects Global Insight. In this and twice-yearly issues of Global Insight, we seek to share the knowledge we've gained and put the spotlight on some of the most innovative, market-leading transactions we have been involved in.

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## **PPP projects in Latin America: resolving disputes through investor-state arbitration**

18 DEC 2018

Investors in public-private partnership projects in Latin America may be able to settle disputes around the projects via investor-state arbitration.

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## **APPs en América Latina: resolución de disputas a través de arbitraje inversor-estado**

18 DEC 2018

Medidas de protección de la inversión pueden encontrarse en los contratos de APP, pero también en el derecho internacional.

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## Energy & Natural resources case law update

5 DEC 2018

Given the often complex nature of business in the Energy and Natural Resources sector, it is inevitable that disputes will arise, and that the law will develop apace.

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## EU Policy & Regulatory Alert: New Regulation on Foreign Direct Investment Screening in the EU

22 NOV 2018

The European Union is moving fast towards establishing a joint regulatory and policy framework for Europeans to seize the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to reinforce Europe's competitiveness in this field.

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## Supply chain human rights risk management: Blockchain and emerging technology

8 NOV 2018

Global businesses, financiers and investors are faced with an increasingly complex and interconnected legal, financial and reputation risk agenda related to human rights and other responsible business conduct issues.

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## CFIUS pilot program mandates declarations for certain non-controlling investments in critical technologies

17 OCT 2018

The pilot program covers critical technologies in 27 industries.

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## Procurement Pulse - September/October 2018

11 OCT 2018

### [PROCUREMENT PULSE SERIES](#)

Monthly update of procurement case law and other relevant intelligence for procurement practitioners

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## Supreme Court Corner Q3 2018

27 SEP 2018

The court rules on recovery of lost foreign profits and ponders patentability issues in an invention's sale to a third party that is obligated to keep the invention confidential.

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## Presidential assent withheld for the first part of Nigeria's petroleum industry legislative reforms

21 SEP 2018

The President of Nigeria has withheld presidential assent for the Petroleum Industry Governance Bill (the 'PIGB') and has requested further amendments to proposed legislation, impacting Nigeria's petroleum industry legislative reforms.

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## May the force be with you: Force majeure clauses in the energy sector

18 SEP 2018

This article explores the implications of the Seadrill case, in which the hirer of an oil rig sought to rely on a force majeure clause as the basis for its early termination of the contract, and highlights certain practical drafting points which may be particularly relevant to contractors in the energy and natural resources sector.

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### **Positive signs for issuers and the marketplace: Argentina economic briefing**

7 SEP 2018

The financial press continues to portray Argentina as another merging-market casualty but, to the contrary, there are a number of positive financial signs, for investors, the country and the marketplace, in today's Argentine economy.

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### **\$1.2B order entered against Petroleos de Venezuela: Q&As for PDVSA and Citgo commodity commercial and trading counterparties**

25 SEP 2018

In light of this order, how should counter-parties now approach their commodity-related contracts with PDVSA and CITGO?

*This article has also been published by Lexis Nexis in Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law.*

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### **EPA Audit Program looks to add efficiency and certainty to upstream oil and gas acquisitions – top points**

27 AUG 2018

The New Audit Agreement offers certainty through clearly defined penalty mitigation and a standard template, and it is fully transferable to any subsequent owner.

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### **OECD releases new guidance on the application of the transactional profit split method under BEPS Actions 10**

3 JUL 2018

The Guidance will likely continue the uncertainty for taxpayers as they develop and maintain their transfer pricing policies.

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### **Oil and gas licensing round now opened for Danish part of the North Sea**

29 JUN 2018

The Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate has just opened for applications for licences for exploration and production of oil and gas (hydrocarbons) in the 8th Danish Licensing Round for the Danish North Sea area.

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### **Global Trend: Smart Buildings**

9 MAY 2018

The real estate sector has recently been marked by the advent of "PropTech". PropTech (or property technology) has been described as a "new explosive wave of innovation", seeing start-up companies pioneer technological products to address a range of inefficiencies in the property market. For example, Airbnb and BuyMyPlace are among the most prominent PropTech inventions (or "disruptors"), which have transformed the traditional property leasing and purchasing markets.

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## US to re-impose sanctions on Iran as it withdraws from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

9 MAY 2018

President Trump has signed a presidential memorandum directing his Administration to immediately begin the process of re-imposing sanctions related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, targeting critical parts of Iran's economy, among them its energy, petrochemical and financial sectors.

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## Energy Storage

18 APR 2018

### [REAL ESTATE GAZETTE SERIES](#)

In late November 2017 the Government published a White Paper on Industrial Strategy. Its stated aim is to fill any gaps in the foundations required to create and maintain a successful free market economy. This includes addressing any weaknesses in the quality of the infrastructure necessary to support a fair and predictable business environment.

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## Energy and other project developers take note: Clean Water Act's reach still uncertain following multiple developments in Q1 2018

10 APR 2018

Continuing judicial, regulatory and executive uncertainties.

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## Energy efficiency - the global transition

23 MAR 2018

### [REAL ESTATE GAZETTE SERIES](#)

The demand for real estate energy efficiency is increasing rapidly in Northern Europe. DLA Piper's partner Mikko Larvala in Helsinki interviews Tomi Mäkipelto, who leads LeaseGreen, one of the region's fastest-growing energy service companies.

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## Warranty claims in the energy sector: a survival guide

14 MAR 2018

This article gives an overview of recent significant English case law on warranty claims. It aims to assist those engaged in energy sector M&A to avoid potential drafting pitfalls, and to point those considering bringing a claim for breach of warranty (or finding themselves needing to respond to one) in the right direction.

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## Investment protection in Latin America: Mexico takes one step forward, Venezuela takes two steps back

7 MAR 2018

A prudent foreign investor exploring a possible investment always starts by confirming that a state adheres to certain multilateral investment treaties.

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## Protección de inversiones en Latinoamérica: México da un paso adelante, y Venezuela sigue retrocediendo

7 MAR 2018

El acceso a mecanismos neutrales de resolución de disputas ha sido durante mucho tiempo un elemento clave del régimen de protección de inversiones de cualquier país.

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### **Energy and other project developers take note: Clean Water Act's reach still uncertain in wake of Supreme Court ruling on "Waters of the United States"**

1 FEB 2018

Predicting the precise reach of the CWA in the coming years will remain challenging.

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### **FAA restricts drone operations near seven DOE facilities**

20 DEC 2017

UAS operators who violate the restrictions, effective December 29, 2017, may be subject to enforcement action, such as civil penalties and criminal charges.

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### **While you are celebrating: 4 simple holiday season cyber-readiness steps for Asian businesses**

12 DEC 2017

Attacks are more likely to happen during the holiday seasons when a company's key decision makers are on leave and its resources are stretched.

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### **Energy Hot Topics at DLA Piper Africa Week (27 November - 1 December)**

7 DEC 2017

The energy sector is a key driver of growth and development for the entire African continent. Energy infrastructure and investment is necessary in order to improve quality of life for people across the continent and to provide opportunities for African and international economic development.

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### **How viable is hybrid energy in remote mining locations?**

14 NOV 2017

Providing remote mining locations with a reliable and cost-effective energy source is an ongoing challenge, but technology may be on hand to provide an alternative solution.

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### **Cybersecurity: past is prologue**

29 MAR 2016

During 2016, we will likely see another increase in cyberattacks, and we will see cybersecurity being taken more seriously by its potential victims.

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10 SEP 2014

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS SERIES

Our Intellectual Property and Technology News reports on worldwide developments in IP and technology law, offering perspectives, analysis and visionary ideas.

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### Patent wars: can the energy industry avoid them?

10 SEP 2014

Proactively navigating the challenges of protecting energy IP

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### New guidance for lawyers advising clients on human rights risks

19 JUL 2017

On 17 July 2017, the International Bar Association Legal Policy and Research Unit (LPRU) released a *Handbook for Lawyers on Business and Human Rights* to provide guidance for business lawyers and their corporate clients on how to address human rights risks in corporate and commercial transactions.

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### Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

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### Cybersecurity Executive Order escalates cybersecurity to greater priority – top points about critical infrastructure

12 JUN 2017

Strengthening efforts to support the cybersecurity risk management efforts of CI at greatest risk while setting forth an ambitious plan for updating and upgrading federal networks.

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### Battery storage - a new frontier

6 JUN 2017

There is a huge amount of interest in battery storage and a lot of talk about it. Growth in battery storage is being fuelled by a reduction in costs and wide recognition of the value of storage. Yet, the market is still in its infancy and there are equal amounts of uncertainty.

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### Public-Private Partnerships in Puerto Rico

21 MAR 2017

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For those considering participating in P3s in Puerto Rico, this handbook summarizes the applicable legal framework and discusses why Puerto Rico is a favorable jurisdiction for entering into P3s.

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## **EU: new obligations for digital services providers and operators of essential services**

28 JUN 2016

In line with the EU's broader Cyber Security Strategy, the NIS Directive is a significant step towards a more secure cross-border cyberspace with a high shared level of network and information system security.

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## **Electrify Africa Act is now law**

2 MARCH 2016

The law demonstrates broad bipartisan support for a comprehensive US policy aiming to facilitate private financing and PPP structures as tools to develop power projects in sub-Saharan Africa, which should provide opportunities for investors, sponsors and lenders to advance their projects.

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## **Slavery in the supply chain: new corporate reporting obligations for companies**

9 DEC 2015

### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS SERIES**

The UK's Modern Slavery Act 2015 is in force, imposing on companies new reporting requirements and new enforcement powers, including the creation of an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

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## **Federal district court decision appears to clear way for Cape Wind**

24 MAR 2014

The Federal District Court in Washington, DC has issued a lengthy ruling that appeared to substantially clear the way for Cape Wind, a large proposed offshore wind farm on Horseshoe Shoal in Nantucket Sound south of Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

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## **Historic reform in Mexico clears the way for foreign investment in energy sector: 5 key aspects**

19 DEC 2013

A clear roadmap for the regulation of hydrocarbons

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## **The EU looks at fracking: regulations taking shape**

21 NOV 2013

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## **US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative**

2 JUL 2013

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A new initiative aiming to double access to power in sub-Saharan Africa

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### **New York Assembly passes two-year fracking moratorium, while Illinois moves forward**

11 MAR 2013

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### **British government lifts year-old fracking moratorium**

20 DEC 2012

The British Government has announced it is lifting its ban on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) to extract natural gas from shale deposits.

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### **With revised proposed regulations, "fracking" returns to the fore of New York State's energy policy**

11 Dec 2012

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's administration has issued revised proposed regulations for high-volume hydraulic fracturing (fracking or HVHF) in New York State, a move that will avoid sending the entire process back to the drawing board.

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### **Thinking strategically on pipe build-out for the shale boom**

1 Oct 2012

Recent developments in horizontal drilling techniques have propelled natural gas production from shale formations to the forefront of domestic oil and gas production today. This rapid expansion is presenting opportunities and challenges for producers and pipeline developers seeking to capitalize on the need to move this gas to market.

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### **The final countdown: Dodd-Frank compliance to begin as SEC and CFTC issue key rules re swaps activities**

11 Jul 2012

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### **CFTC issues two proposals affecting those engaging in swaps activities**

10 Jul 2012

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### **Marcellus Shale pipeline decision provides guidance on scope of environmental "cumulative impacts" analysis for projects requiring government approval**

20 Jun 2012

The Second Circuit has issued a decision providing further clarity on the scope of "cumulative impacts" analysis required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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## **CFTC approves commodity options final rule, establishing trade option exemption**

30 Apr 2012

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## **CFTC issues the first of the two rules that will shape the post-Dodd-Frank world**

19 Apr 2012

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission met and issued the first of the two “pillar” rules that will shape the landscape of the CFTC’s regulation of swaps under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

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## **Pennsylvania tightens rules for drilling in the Marcellus Shale**

1 Mar 2012

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett has signed into law Bill 1950, a set of amendments to the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act that set forth new standards and requirements for natural gas drilling operations in the Marcellus Shale formation in Pennsylvania.

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## **States' regulations on Marcellus Shale gas extraction continue to take shape**

30 Nov 2011

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## **Marcellus Shale drillers face potential liability under Clean Air Act**

5 Oct 2011

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## **EVENTS**

### **Upcoming**

#### **2019 Northeast Chapter Annual Meeting**

12 JUN 2019

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#### **TopCo liability panel**

25 JUN 2019  
London

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## Previous

### **Electric Transmission FERC Ratemaking: Formula Rates, Protocols, Return on Equity and Incentives**

7 DEC 2018  
Webinar

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### **Offshore wind developments in the Northeast**

16 NOV 2018  
Washington, DC

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### **La Jolla Energy Conference**

23 - 24 MAY 2018

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### **La Jolla Energy Conference**

23 MAY 2018

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## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice**

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

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### **DLA Piper advises Acciona Energía and Grupo BioFields, recently renamed Grupo Alego, on strategic financing for Puerto Libertad photovoltaic project**

9 MAY 2019

DLA Piper represented Acciona Energía and Grupo BioFields, now known as Grupo Alego, global energy companies operating in the renewable energy sector, in their strategic financing of Puerto Libertad, one of the largest photovoltaic projects in Latin America.

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### **DLA Piper advises Tally Energy Services in its acquisition of ReStream Solutions**

4 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Tally Energy Services in its acquisition of ReStream Solutions, LLC.

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**DLA Piper advises Natixis, New York Branch as arranger, agent and issuing bank with respect to a US\$50 million secured letter of credit facility for Canadian Solar subsidiary, Recurrent Energy**

3 APR 2019

DLA Piper represented Natixis, New York Branch in its roles as arranger, agent and issuing bank with respect to a US\$50 million secured letter of credit facility for subsidiaries of Recurrent Energy, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian Solar Inc.

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**DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019**

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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**DLA Piper advises CIT Bank, SMBC, Rabobank and ING on third round of financing for innovative California battery storage portfolios**

27 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented CIT Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch and ING Capital LLC in a third round of financing for the continuing expansion and development of a fleet of battery energy storage systems in Southern California for Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc. and affiliates, bringing combined CIT-led debt financings for the projects to more than US\$160 million.

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**Evelyn Kim joins DLA Piper's Finance practice in San Francisco**

20 MAR 2019

DLA Piper announced today that Evelyn Kim has joined the firm's Finance practice as a partner in San Francisco.

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**DLA Piper represents Tally Energy Services in their acquisition of Epic Lift Systems**

4 MAR 2019

DLA Piper represented Tally Energy Services in the acquisition of Epic Lift Systems, a portfolio company of Intervale Capital. Tally is a private equity sponsored oilfield services company focused on North America shale that seeks to partner with innovative companies in technical oilfield products and services with opportunities for growth, consolidation, and differentiation.

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**DLA Piper launches Global LNG Report 2019**

27 FEB 2019



DLA Piper today launches its *Global LNG Report 2019: a review of demand, supply and financing issues*, in association with Petroleum Economist, looking at the forces and trends that will shape the global liquefied natural gas (LNG) market in 2019. The report considers three major themes.

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### **DLA Piper advises Maxwell Technologies in its acquisition by Tesla**

4 FEB 2019

DLA Piper advised Maxwell Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: MXWL), a leading developer and manufacturer of energy solutions, in the definitive agreement to be acquired by Tesla, Inc. (Nasdaq: TSLA).

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### **DLA Piper advises CIRCOR in US\$85 million sale of Reliability Services business to RelaDyne**

28 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented CIRCOR International, Inc., a provider of flow control solutions and other highly engineered products for the industrial, energy, aerospace and defense markets, in the sale of its Reliability Services business to an affiliate of RelaDyne LLC for approximately US\$85 million.

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### **DLA Piper ranked top 10 for Infrastructure and Renewables**

23 JAN 2019

DLA Piper has been ranked as one of the top 10 legal advisers for infrastructure and renewable energy projects in inspiratia's 2018 Renewables & Infrastructure legal adviser rankings. Inspiratia is a provider of real-time analysis and infrastructure and renewables industry news.

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### **DLA Piper advises CIT Bank, Rabobank and SMBC on financing for innovative California battery storage portfolio**

7 JAN 2019

DLA Piper represented CIT Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch in the US\$100 million project financing and refinancing of the continuing expansion and development of a landmark fleet of behind-the-meter battery energy storage systems in Southern California for Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc. and affiliates.

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### **DLA Piper's Africa practice triumphs at Africa Legal Awards**

11 SEP 2018

DLA Piper Africa is proud to announce that its Zimbabwean member firm, Manokore Attorneys, took home the 'African Law Firm of the Year - Small Practice' award at The African Legal Awards, which took place on Friday 7 September 2018 at The Wanderers Club, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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### **DLA Piper partner Joseph Tato honored at 2018 Africa Energy Forum**

12 JUL 2018

Joseph Tato was honored at the Africa Energy Forum for his more than 20 years of leading private investment in the power and energy sectors in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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#### **DLA Piper Africa welcomes Zimbabwe member firm**

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper Africa has announced that leading Zimbabwean law firm, Manokore Attorneys, is joining as the member firm in Zimbabwe.

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#### **DLA Piper represents Kayne Anderson and Haymaker Minerals in sale of mineral and royalty interests**

30 MAY 2018

DLA Piper advised Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors LP and Haymaker Minerals & Royalties LLC and Haymaker Resources LP in the sale of oil and gas mineral and royalty interests to Kimbell Royalty Partners LP.

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#### **DLA Piper ranked as one of the top legal advisers for renewable energy**

25 APR 2018

DLA Piper has been ranked #2 legal adviser by deal count in inspiratia Q1 2018 renewables legal adviser rankings. Inspiratia is a provider of real-time analysis and infrastructure and renewables industry news.

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#### **DLA Piper advises Silverpeak in purchase of Uinta Basin assets from LINN Energy**

16 APR 2018

DLA Piper represented New York-based Silverpeak in its US\$132 million acquisition of oil and gas assets in Utah's Uinta Basin from LINN Energy, Inc.

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#### **DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018**

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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#### **CIT Bank's Project Financing of Macquarie Capital's Electrodes Holding, LLC Behind-the-Meter Battery Storage Portfolio recognized by *IJGlobal* as the 2017 North American Energy Storage Deal of the Year**

26 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that CIT Bank's project financing of Macquarie Capital's Electrodes Holding, LLC Behind-

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the-Meter Battery Storage Portfolio has been named the 2017 North American Energy Storage Deal of the Year by *IJGlobal*.

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### **Stoneway Capital awarded *Project Finance International* 2017 Latin America Deal of the Year**

23 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that their client, Stoneway Capital Corporation, was recognized by Project Finance International with the 2017 Latin America Deal of the Year award.

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### **Campos Mello Advogados adds Paulo Lopes to its Oil and Gas practice**

6 MAR 2018

Campos Mello Advogados (CMA) announced today the addition of Paulo Lopes as a new partner in its Oil and Gas practice.

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### **DLA Piper advises Timor-Leste on historic maritime treaty**

6 MAR 2018

DLA Piper has been advising the Government of Timor-Leste, for more than four years, on its historic maritime treaty with the Australian Government, signed today at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the successful outcome of a compulsory conciliation process.

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### **Philip Corsello named a *National Law Journal* 2018 Energy and Environmental Trailblazer**

2 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Philip Corsello, a Project Finance partner based in the New York office, has been named to the *National Law Journal's* Energy and Environmental Trailblazers list.

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### **DLA Piper advises Sole Source Capital in acquisition of majority interest in Premier Flow Control**

16 FEB 2018

DLA Piper represented Sole Source Capital, an investment firm focused on the industrial, materials and energy sectors, in its acquisition of a majority interest in Premier Flow Control, LLC, a leading oilfield service provider in the Permian Basin.

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### **DLA Piper advises Forge Energy LLC in US\$946 million sale of assets to Oasis Petroleum**

13 DEC 2017

DLA Piper represented oil and gas exploration and production company Forge Energy LLC in the sale of 20,300 net acres in the Delaware Basin to Oasis Petroleum Inc. in a US\$946 million transaction comprised of cash and stock.

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### **DLA Piper advises Stoneway Capital on \$165 million financing for combined-cycle power generation project in Argentina**

22 NOV 2017

DLA Piper announced today that it represented Canadian investor Stoneway Capital Corporation on two significant transactions, completed on November 15, 2017, related to the construction of a combined-cycle power plant in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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### **DLA Piper launches Finance Rules of the World**

2 Nov 2017

DLA Piper's global Finance & Projects practice has today launched Finance Rules of the World, a knowledge site for clients, which summarizes key legal questions and answers to be considered when initially looking at financing or investing in particular jurisdictions.

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### **Jason Whiteley joins DLA Piper's Corporate practice as partner**

24 OCT 2017

DLA Piper announced today that Jason Whiteley has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner. Whiteley will be based in the firm's Houston and Washington, DC offices.

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### **DLA Piper recognized for strong client relationships in *BTI Industry Power Rankings***

18 JUL 2017

DLA Piper has been recognized for the strength of its client relationships across a broad spectrum of industries in BTI Consulting Group's 2017 *BTI Industry Power Rankings*.

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### **DLA Piper advises Greensmith Energy Management Systems in US\$170 million acquisition by Wartsila**

7 JUL 2017

DLA Piper represented Greensmith Energy Management Systems Inc., the developer of an energy storage software solution, in its acquisition by Wartsila, a Finnish manufacturer of marine and energy power sources, for US\$170 million. The acquisition, which was first announced in May, closed July 3.

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