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Bob Gruendel serves as Global Co-Chair of DLA Piper's Energy practice and oversees a wide-ranging sector that includes over 100 partners worldwide and covers oil and gas, power, renewables and nuclear. Bob also leads the US-based maritime and shipping practice.

In addition, he is immediate past Co-Chair of the Firm's Latin American practice, and is licensed as a foreign legal consultant in Brazil by OAB-SP, the bar association of São Paulo.

Bob concentrates his own practice in energy project development, principally in oil and gas, and in related maritime sectors. He has spent considerable time on such projects in Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. Bob is licensed as a foreign legal consultant in Brazil by OAB-SP, the bar association of São Paulo in Latin America.

Among his other key areas of practice are transportation infrastructure development and related project finance; government concession agreements in energy, transportation, waste and other sectors; project work in such areas as water, power, petroleum and gas; infrastructure privatization; marine insurance; commodities trading; and pollution.

Bob is a past member of the board of directors of the US Maritime Law Association and past chairman of the board of New York Maritime, Inc. He has written extensively on LNG, port development and energy-related transportation and has gained a reputation with respect to the production, transportation and storage of LNG. He has frequently spoken before professional groups on LNG, oil and gas, port development and shipping matters and Latin America legal developments.

### RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Finance
- Infrastructure Finance
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

### RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Insurance

## CREDENTIALS

### Admissions

- Brazil (Licensed Foreign Consultant)
- New York

## Recognitions

In 2019, Bob was recognized by *The Legal 500 United States*. In 2016 and 2017, *Latin Lawyer 250* recognized Bob in the areas of energy and project finance. In 2012, *Legal 500 Latin America* recommended Bob for his Projects & Energy practice. He has been cited in Euromoney's *Expert Guides: Shipping & Maritime Lawyers*; *Expert Guides: Project Finance Lawyers*; and *Expert Guides: Energy an Environment*. Martindale-Hubbell ranks him AV, its highest available ranking. He is named in *Best Lawyers in America* in the Shipping category and among the top Energy lawyers in New York by *Super Lawyers*.

## Education

- J.D., Fordham University School of Law 1982
- B.A., Dartmouth College 1979

## Memberships

- AIPN (Association of International Petroleum Negotiators)
- American Bar Association, Committee on International Law
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee on Admiralty (Chairman, 2000 – 2003)
- Maritime Law Association of the United States: Past Member, Board of Directors (2003 – 2006); Committee on Maritime Legislation
- New York Maritime, Inc., Board of Directors (Chairman, 2003 – 2006)
- Licensed as a foreign consultant in Brazil by OAB-SP, the bar association of São Paulo, Brazil in Latin America

## INSIGHTS

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## Publications

### **\$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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### **Mexico's new National Anticorruption System: 7 key points**

20 JUL 2015

Constitutional reform regarding the creation of the National Anticorruption System

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### **A new test for Mexico's structural changes: antitrust reform – key points in one chart**

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16 JUN 2014

This entirely new framework should be carefully analyzed by investors in structuring their Mexico-related M&A transactions and managing their existing operations

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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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### Colombia: gateway to South America's Patent Prosecution Highway

10 Dec 2012

Understanding the need for more robust patent laws, the Colombian government is aggressively reshaping its IP system.

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- Co-author, "\$1.2B Order Entered Against Petróleos de Venezuela: Q&As for PDVSA and Citgo Commodity Commercial and Trading Counterparties," *Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, January 2019

## Events

- Moderator, "The LatAm Energy Boom," Latin Lawyer M&A Conference, Mexico City, March 2018
- Chairman, DLA Piper Global Energy Summit
- Moderator, "North American Energy Security – Updates from Canada, Mexico and the US," Institute of the Americas XXIII La Jolla Energy Conference, May 2014
- Co-chair and Speaker, "Business, Canada, US Politics and the Future of Energy," Canadian Corporate Counsel Association National Conference, April 2014
- Speaker and Panel Moderator, "How Do We Finance Energy Projects for the Future?," Aspen Ideas Festival, June 27, 2013
- Speaker, DLA Piper European Energy Forum – Developing Europe's Energy Infrastructure, April 2012
- Chair, 7th Annual Latin America Ship and Offshore Finance Forum, Rio de Janeiro, September 2010
- Moderator, "Considerations for Energy Financing in Peru," Peruvian Energy and Infrastructure Finance Conference, organized by Project Finance magazine, Lima, Peru, September 2010
- Speaker, Panama Maritime Exposition, the International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators, and the International Bunker Industry Symposium

## NEWS

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### MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Interviewee, *OnPoint*, Environment & Energy Publishing (E&ETV), September 7, 2011
- Interviewee, *Platts Energy Week*, News Now WUSA 9, August 15, 2010