



Power and Transmission

Over the last three years, our Power and Transmission Practice has grown substantially and we are now involved in many of the major projects currently being undertaken worldwide. Our dedicated lawyers focus on transactions both in their domestic markets and internationally, with particular reference to emerging markets.

Our lawyers advise on the purchase and sale of existing power assets, as well as on the siting, development, permitting and financing of power projects, both thermal and renewable. We act for local governments, sponsors and lenders across a range of matters, from the development, construction and financing of power projects to issues related to transmission and distribution networks. We address the complex issues facing any large-scale power generation project as well as the project finance, corporate and regulatory background necessary to move any project from conception to execution. We are currently active on a number of projects internationally and can bring the benefit of that experience to our clients. We enjoy a market leading reputation for delivering complex power projects and related multi-source financings in emerging markets.

We help local governments, sponsors and lenders across a range of issues related to transmission and distribution networks. We address the complex issues facing any large-scale power generation project as well as the regulatory, project finance and corporate issues necessary to move any project from conception to execution.

EXPERIENCE

- Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank as the exiting administrative agent, technical agent and fronting letter of credit bank in the successful refinancing of the US\$725 million first/second lien securitized credit facility for Astoria Energy LLC, the owner of the approximately 500 MW gas-fired combined cycle Astoria I power plant in Queens, New York.
- A sponsor consortium comprising a large global industrial company, a US-based private equity firm and an international service provider in negotiating and completing a joint development agreement for the proposed development and project financing of a combined cycle power plant in West Africa.
- The National Development Corporation of Tanzania of its \$3 billion joint venture with Sichuan Hongda to develop a coal to power (300MW) project and iron ore mine and smelter project in Mtwara, Tanzania. This represents the largest single investment into East Africa. DLA Piper was recognised by the *Financial Times* as "The most Innovative Law Firm in Finance Law" in 2012 for this transaction.
- Exelon Corporation, the nation's leading competitive energy provider, on the sale of the Fore River Energy Center, a natural

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RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources

gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant located in North Weymouth, Massachusetts, to Calpine Corp, America's largest generator of electricity from natural gas and geothermal resources.

- The sponsors and project company in relation to the development of Phase 1 of a 600 MW mine-mouth Coal Fired Maamba Collieries Power Station in Zambia. The financing involves a Sinosure-covered financing from major Chinese Banks and potentially other international banks and will be the first Sinosure-covered project finance in Africa, representing a major breakthrough in the way in which these projects can be financed in the future. There is also an additional DFI tranche of financing to be provided by AfDB and DBSA.
- Volta River Authority as offtaker and 10% stakeholder in achieving financial close for the US\$329.6 million development and project financing of the Takoradi 2 combined cycle expansion project in Ghana. Financing was led by the IFC. The Takoradi 2 power plant is Ghana's first IPP to utilize a project financing structure and is the largest IPP closed to date in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Amperion Power Distribution Company Limited, an international consortium, in relation to its successful acquisition and associated financing in relation to the acquisition and associated financing of the 414MW Geregu gas-fired power plant in the context of the PHCN privatisation in Nigeria. Our work included negotiating and finalising all aspects of the acquisition, the power project and finance documentation as well as Nigerian power market regulations and post-completion and handover matters.

INSIGHTS

Publications

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.

NEWS

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP ranked in 2019 *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to announce that thirty-eight of the firm's lawyers have been recognized as leading practitioners in the 2019 edition of the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new associate Natalie Prange

22 APR 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes Natalie Prange to the firm's Toronto office as an associate in the Projects, Energy and Infrastructure Group.

DLA Piper boosts project finance offering with partner hire in London

3 APR 2019

DLA Piper today announces that project finance lawyer Nacim Bounouara has joined the firm as a partner in its Finance and Projects practice, based in London.

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.

***Chambers Global* 2019 recommends DLA Piper (Canada) LLP**

19 FEB 2019

Nine DLA Piper (Canada) LLP practitioners have received rankings in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Global*, which conducts thousands of independent peer and client interviews every year to identify top legal talents from around the world.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP featured in *Lexpert's* "Top 10 Deals of 2018"

18 FEB 2019

We are pleased to have acted on two of the transactions included in *Lexpert* magazine's "Top 10 Deals of 2018" and congratulate our clients on these standout transactions that have been deemed among the most impactful in the country last year.

DLA Piper advises Australia's Transport for NSW on Regional Rail Project

14 FEB 2019

DLA Piper is delighted to announce that today Transport for NSW achieved contract close on the Regional Rail Project, which will see a fleet of new trains deliver safer, more comfortable and more reliable journeys across the state.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes four new partners

2 JAN 2019

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes four new additions to the partnership, effective January 1, 2019.

DLA Piper Canada recognized by *Chambers Canada* 2019

27 SEP 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized as an industry leader in the 2019 edition of *Chambers Canada*. With 34 lawyers recognized across 20 practices areas, this is DLA Piper Canada's strongest showing to date.

DLA Piper advises Palisade on acquisition of equity stake in HCL fiber optic cable business

14 September

DLA Piper has advised Palisade Investment Partners Limited (Palisade), on behalf of funds that it manages, on the acquisition of a significant equity stake with board representation in HCL Limited Partnership, HCL LP General Partner Limited and International Connectivity Services Limited.

Best Lawyers in Canada 2019 recognizes 72 DLA Piper (Canada) LLP Lawyers

22 AUG 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to have once more increased its rankings in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers*, with close to one-third of the firm's lawyers recommended as leading practitioners in Canada across key practice areas.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP welcomes new partner Ilia Danef

3 JUL 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is delighted to announce that Ilia Danef has joined the firm as a partner in the Toronto office. Ilia brings with him an extensive finance practice with a focus on debt finance. He also regularly represents clients in corporate transactions and mergers and acquisitions in the projects, energy and infrastructure and the financial institutions sectors.

DLA Piper receives *Latin Lawyer* Deal of the Year award

25 APR 2018

DLA Piper received *Latin Lawyer's* Project Finance Deal of the Year award for its representation of Abengoa in the sale of a combined cycle power plant to a consortium consisting of Macquarie Capital and Techint.

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.

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.

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.

Chambers Global 2018 recommends DLA Piper Canada

20 FEB 2018

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP professionals are once again featured in the latest edition of the *Chambers Global* guide.

DLA Piper and UN Office for Project Services strengthen pro bono collaboration

21 DEC 2017

Global law firm DLA Piper has renewed its successful partnership with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) to provide pro bono legal support for the UN's peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects around the world. Under the renewed agreement, DLA Piper and UNOPS will further strengthen their seven-year collaboration to reflect the UN's new sustainable development goals, which emphasise the role of public-private partnerships in meeting long term infrastructure needs.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP advised SUSI Energy Storage Fund on \$120 million financing facility

4 DEC 2017

On November 17, 2017, the SUSI Energy Storage Fund signed a CAD\$120 million financing facility with Canadian energy storage solutions provider NRSor C&I L.P.

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.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP increases rankings in *Chambers Canada 2018*

29 SEP 2017

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP is pleased to be recognized for its expanding market leadership in the 2018 edition of *Chambers Canada*, garnering its highest number of rankings to date.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP represented Niagara Falls Entertainment Partners in successful bid to construct new entertainment centre

6 SEP 2017

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP advised Niagara Falls Entertainment Partners General Partnership throughout all stages in their bid to design, build, finance and maintain a new entertainment centre in Niagara Falls.

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP achieves strongest showing to date in *Best Lawyers*

22 AUG 2017

DLA Piper (Canada) LLP has once again garnered top rankings in *Best Lawyers in Canada*, with close to one-third of the firm's lawyers ranked across 34 practice areas.
