



Projects, Energy and Infrastructure

DLA Piper's Projects, Energy and Infrastructure team has a track record of successfully delivering first-rate legal services in all segments of the infrastructure and energy industries. We advise on energy law, infrastructure finance, transport matters and more.

Our lawyers understand the commercial, strategic, technical, geographical and political factors that shape and impact these industries, as well as the business issues and risks inherent when working in these sectors. Our market leading presence also allows us first-hand access to contacts, sponsors and key decision makers worldwide.

CAPABILITES

The group represents sponsors, contractors, multilateral institutions, corporations, developers, equity investors, financial institutions, governments, utilities and regulatory bodies in the procurement, development, financing, acquisition, construction and operation of a wide range of complex infrastructure and energy projects on nearly every continent.

These projects include:

- Power generation from natural gas, coal, petroleum and, renewables
- Pipelines
- Drilling platforms
- Transmission networks
- Mining facilities
- Defence and security projects
- Waste projects and resource recovery facilities
- Telecommunications networks
- Vessels
- Ports
- Airports
- Highways, toll roads and bridges
- Transportation systems including airports, heavy rail, light rail and bus
- Water supply and waste water systems

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INSIGHTS

Publications

Jury acquits foreign national in apparent rebuke of DOJ's attempt to police overseas corruption

4 December 2019

The result highlights some significant issues that may, in some cases, limit the ability of the DOJ to prosecute foreign nationals for corruption overseas.

Changes to Equator Principles introduce new requirements in relation to human rights, climate change and Indigenous Peoples for project debt

22 November 2019

On 18 November 2019, the Equator Principles Association published version four of the Equator Principles (EP4), updating the international baseline for the identification, assessment and management of environmental and social risks in international project finance debt markets. The changes, which take effect on 1 July 2020.

Digital Transformation in Energy and Natural Resources

9 October 2019

The global demand for power rises, the requirement for increased productivity, greater efficiencies in distribution and flexibility for consumers (both corporate and residential) is also growing. As such, we have launched report on how digital technologies are impacting the Energy and Natural Resources sector.

Japan's vision to realize a "Hydrogen-Based Society"

8 October 2019

Ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Japanese government, the Tokyo Metropolitan government and Japanese manufacturing companies are seeking to use these sporting events to introduce Japan's state-of-the-art technology in the field of hydrogen, by using hydrogen-powered vehicles and powering the Olympic village with hydrogen.

Distributed generation in Brazil

20 August 2019

The bright future of Brazilian renewable energy - increase in the production of electricity from renewable sources for Brazilian consumers and offset the surplus with their local distribution company.

Coal, iron ore, LNG... Hydrogen?

20 August 2019

Hydrogen shows potential to become new export industry down under.

Projects Global Insight Issue 2, 2019

20 August 2019

PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT

One of the key trends in this issue is growing interest in sustainable, resilient and regenerative projects. This is driven by the heightened awareness and concern surrounding global warming and climate change and, arguably, a lack of funding following the global financial crisis.

Responsible investing

20 August 2019

The rise of responsible investing and global renewable energy opportunities with growing exposure given to environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues.

Key themes in distressed projects

20 August 2019

Issues and challenges facing global infrastructure projects, and a look at possible solutions and mitigations.

Vendor financing for stage 1 of the bridge power project in Ghana

20 August 2019

Case study of unique, limited-recourse vendor financing for combined cycled gas turbine power project in Ghana. The vendor financing for this project won the Best Financial Structure Silver award and Best Utilities Project Gold award at the Partnerships Awards 2019.

What is the future of LNG pricing?

20 August 2019

Is LNG pricing linked to crude oil an outdated model?

Chile's electric sector under the regulatory magnifying glass

14 August 2019

Implications of recent activity by Chile's Competition Monitoring Unit, an arm of the Electric Coordinator.

Top of Mind: Litigation

20 MAR 2019

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

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.

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.

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.

Projects Global Insight Issue 1, 2018

19 December 2018

PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT

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.

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.

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.

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.

The 116th Congress: prospects for tax policy as House shifts to Democrats

8 NOV 2018

Key issues arising from the overall shift of the House from Republican to Democratic control.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Is collaborative working improving in operational PPPs?

16 MAR 2018

An in-depth look at some of the key questions facing the PPP market, with direct input from those at the coalface of the industry.

Section 232 trade action - steel, aluminum tariffs: trade war? Mechanisms for possible relief for certain companies and countries

9 MAR 2018

Two mechanisms could provide some relief for affected companies.

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.

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.

The Internet of Things and connected cars: new opportunities and risks

29 JAN 2018

The automotive industry is undergoing tremendous change, both in the technology it employs and in the way it does business. People and companies are changing the way they think about cars and car travel. A big part of this change arises from the increasing connectedness of cars.

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.

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.

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

9 DEC 2015

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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.

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

The EU looks at fracking: regulations taking shape

21 NOV 2013

A new test for the *Pacto por México*: energy reform – key points for energy companies

12 SEP 2013

Opening the petrochemical industry to private investment

US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative

2 JUL 2013

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

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

11 MAR 2013

Events

Previous

International Arbitration in PPP Projects in Peru

5 DEC 2018

P3 Summit

18 - 19 JUN 2018

San Juan

NEWS

DLA Piper advised on Puerto Libertad financing that received MIREC 2019 Project of the Year award

24 MAY 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm 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, a transaction that recently received MIREC's Project of the Year award for 2019.

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.

DLA Piper advised on Colombian toll road project financing that received IJGlobal Latin American Deal of the Year award

16 APR 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm represented the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IDB Invest), a member of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Group, in the project financing of the Ruta del Cacao toll road in Colombia, a transaction that recently received IJGlobal's 2018 Latin American Roads Deal of the Year award.

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.

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.

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.
