



Social Infrastructure

Our award winning team is an acknowledged market leader in the global social infrastructure market and has been active in the sector since its inception. Delivering successful social infrastructure PPP projects is about being global. Achieving improvements in public services and tapping global funding markets often involves working with talent outside the country in question, bringing in new models and techniques that have been developed and deployed elsewhere. At DLA Piper, we lead the way in opening up geographic and sector markets for clients thanks to our global reach and ability to export know-how across borders.

We advise both the private and public sector on high-profile social infrastructure projects including sponsors, contractors, funders, central and local government. As well as advising on the procurement and negotiation of projects, our work frequently sees us providing advice and support to our clients post-close during the construction and operational phases.

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CAPABILITES

With dedicated teams of lawyers from different countries sharing their local knowledge, we are organized to deliver thought leadership across the full range of social infrastructure sectors including:

- Education;
- Healthcare;
- Emergency services and Judicial;
- Social housing and Regeneration;
- Student accommodation;
- Civic accommodation;
- Leisure.

EXPERIENCE

- Long Beach Courthouse Building, California - our US and UK offices represented the senior lenders (and hedging banks) to the Long Beach Judicial Partners, a consortium sponsored and led by Meridiam Infrastructure Fund on the US\$490 million financing for the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of the new Long Beach Courthouse Building in California.
- Birmingham Building Schools for the Future, UK - we advised Lend Lease Infrastructure Limited on its bid through to financial

close on Birmingham BSF. This is the largest BSF scheme in the UK.

- Bonnyrigg Living Communities PPP project - Advising Bonnyrigg Partnerships Nominee Pty Limited, the project company owned by Westpac, on its existing contractual and financing arrangements in respect of the Bonnyrigg Living Communities PPP project. This is a project for the revitalisation of an 81 hectare housing estate in western Sydney through 18 stages of redevelopment, with existing social housing dwellings being either upgraded or demolished and replaced by 699 new public housing dwellings and more than 1,600 privately owned dwellings.
- Bendigo Hospital PPP Project - we advised Lend Lease on the on the New Bendigo Hospital project, a \$630 million PPP for the design, build, finance and operation of the new medical facilities. The project will be the largest regional hospital development in Victoria and one of the largest in Australia. The hospital will offer world-class facilities such as a helipad, a regional integrated cancer centre, a purpose-built 80-bed mental health facility, an integrated women's and children's facility, additional acute inpatient beds and acute same-day beds, additional operating theatres, and expanded research and education facilities
- Priority Schools Building Programme, UK - we are advising bidders on this education programme within the United Kingdom. These schemes will be delivered via PF2, the UK government's new approach to private finance.
- Little London, Beeston Hill & Holbeck Project - we advised Leeds City Council on the regeneration of the Little London, Beeston Hill and Holbeck areas which includes more than 1200 council homes refurbished, 388 new council homes built and environmental improvements to local neighbourhoods and estates.
- Woking Non-HRA Social Housing PFI - we advised Thames Valley Housing Association on its roles as housing management and FM contractor, landlord, sponsor, investor and RV underwriter on this innovative social housing scheme which closed in November 2013.
- Flemish Schools PPP Project - we advised the lenders on this project which is the largest European school infrastructure PPP project, structured through one single DBFM Company entering into up to 211 individual DBFM Agreements based on one single template.
- Turkey Hospital PPP Projects - we are advising on a number of the ground-breaking health PPPs in procurement in Turkey, including advising the Ministry of Health on the early structuring phases of the Kayseri Hospital Project and advising sponsors on the Kayseri Hospital and Gaziantep Hospital Projects and potential lenders on a number of other deals in this market.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Three ESG steps to keep your project bankable in 2021

17 September 2020

Version four of the Equator principles will take effect on 1 October 2020, and it introduces three new requirements to the international environmental and social baseline for project finance.

Coronavirus: Flemish emergency decree to increase capacity of hospitals and secure permit proceedings

31 March 2020

COVID-19 does not only create an increasing need of care facilities and medical supplies, but also has a far-reaching impact on ongoing permitting procedures. In order to tackle these issues, the Flemish Parliament voted on 18 March 2020 an emergency decree which we will discuss in this publication.

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8 October 2019

Using technology to improve infrastructure development and procurement. By dimitri papaefstratiou, partner, dla piper and vicky

kefalas, head of investments, developments and projects at consolidated contractors company (ccc), the middle eastern construction conglomerate.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Prime Capital and Enlight Renewable Energy on large investment in Sweden

13 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised Prime Capital AG, the independent asset manager and financial services provider, and Enlight Renewable Energy (Enlight), the Tel-Aviv-listed independent power producer, on their co-investment in the ready-to-build Björnberget wind park project in central Sweden. This is Prime Capital's first investment from its newly launched.

DLA Piper advises Lithuania's Ignitis Group on acquisition of minority stake in Moray West wind farm

28 September 2020

DLA Piper has advised Ignitis Group on its acquisition of a minority stake in the Moray West wind farm development project on the east coast of Great Britain.

The acquisition represents a strategic partnership between Ocean Winds and Ignitis Group for the development of offshore wind farm projects.

DLA Piper advises Iberdrola on AUD893 million takeover

25 August 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised Spanish utility giant Iberdrola on its AUD893 million takeover of Infigen Energy (ASX:IFN).

DLA Piper advises Hitachi Rail Limited on acquisition of railway technology firm Perpetuum

19 August 2020

DLA Piper is advising Hitachi Rail Limited in connection with the acquisition of Perpetuum, a technology firm that is pioneering digital technology to optimise railway operations, offering improved efficiency, safety and quality of service.

DLA Piper advises Pricecheck Toiletries on Warehouse Expansion Deal

20 June 2020

DLA Piper has advised international wholesaler and distributor of fast-moving consumer goods, Pricecheck Toiletries Limited, on the expansion of their warehouse operation capacity.

DLA Piper advises Banco Santander on innovative funding of subsidy-free solar projects in the UK

2 June 2020

DLA Piper has acted as legal advisor to Banco Santander on the financing of a portfolio of subsidy-free solar projects which includes initially two projects for a total capacity of 115 MW.

DLA Piper advises CSEIP on acquisition of majority stake in 500-MW Nordic wind portfolio

21 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised Credit Suisse Energy Infrastructure Partners on the acquisition of an 80% stake in Finnish utility Fortum Oyj's c.a. 500MW Nordic onshore wind portfolio. DLA Piper also advised CSEIP and Fortum on the senior project finance loan provided by Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken and National Australia Bank as part of the transaction.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

DLA Piper advises Greencoat UK Wind on acquisition of subsidy-free wind farm in Scotland

28 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised long-standing client Greencoat UK Wind on the acquisition of the South Kyle wind farm in Scotland from developer Vattenfall, for GBP320 million once the farm begins operating in Q1 2023.

DLA Piper advises on the disposal of Cyprus' largest wind farm to Ancala Partners

20 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Platina Energy Partners and local partner Mr Kleonthis (Akis) Ellinas on the disposal of the largest wind farm in Cyprus to Ancala Partners, an independent infrastructure investment manager.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

DLA Piper advises Ireland's NTR on PPA as part of financing of Swedish wind project

7 February 2020

DLA Piper has advised Irish renewable energy investment firm NTR on the acquisition, financing and Corporate Power Purchase Agreement (CPPA) with NORD/LB of 94MW wind projects in Sweden and Finland. NTR acquired these portfolio projects, called VindIn, in 2019, a transaction in which DLA Piper also advised on.

Pressure on corporate responsibility driving deal flow in renewable energy sector

18 December 2019

Increased pressure on corporate companies to have better 'green' credentials and the end of Government incentives has seen the number of subsidy-free renewable energy projects increase by more than 1,000 per cent since 2013, according to research from global law firm DLA Piper, using data from inspiratia.

DLA Piper named Firm Of The Year for Projects, Energy & Natural Resources by Legal 500 UK Awards 2020

11 December 2019

DLA Piper has been named as 'Firm of The Year' for Projects, Energy & Natural Resources by the Legal 500 UK Awards 2020.

DLA Piper recognised at Partnerships Awards for its role on the Bridge Power Project in Ghana

10 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has been acknowledged for its role advising on the vendor financing for Stage 1 of the 400MW CCGT Bridge Power Project (the Bridge Project) in Ghana at the 2019 Partnerships Awards, held on 9 May 2019 in London.

DLA Piper advises the UK government on Heathrow expansion

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has successfully advised the Department for Transport (DfT) on the Heathrow expansion project for the new third runway.

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 expands new Dublin office with four-partner hire

9 JAN 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners from highly-regarded Irish firms to its newly opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) and Employment. These hires follow the appointment of Corporate partner David Carthy as Ireland Country Managing Partner in May 2018.
