



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.

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

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- 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.

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 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 adds Gislar Donnenberg to Corporate practice in Houston

1 AUG 2017

DLA Piper announced today that Gislar Donnenberg has joined the firm's Corporate practice as a partner in Houston.
