



Water and Waste

We act for sponsors, lenders, developers, contractors, operators, technology providers, consortia and governments on all aspects of the water and waste industries.

Water

We are involved in some of the largest, most complex water projects in the world. In addition to project development and finance, we help with water-related mergers and acquisitions, project bids, procurement, sovereign immunity, contracting authority, environmental and other regulatory matters, commercial agreements, intellectual property and dispute resolution.

Waste

Our waste sector experience spans the spectrum of waste-related agreements - we advise clients on construction and operating agreements, transportation, landfill, fuel supply, recyclate sale and other residue offtake agreements, as well as advising on environmental and planning issues, technological development and regulatory disputes. Projects on which we have advised include fully merchant facilities and others underpinned by long-term local authority contracts.

Working on these projects requires a detailed understanding of not only the relevant regulatory legislation, but also of the technologies used and the risks associated with them.

Our experience in these matters allows us to measure, anticipate and manage our clients' risks whatever the scale of the project.

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EXPERIENCE

Water

- The lenders, Standard Bank and Nedbank, in connection with the MIGA-backed project financing of a reverse osmosis desalination plant in Ghana.
- Northern Ireland Water, supporting the procurement of a number of framework contracts from which NI Water will be able to call off the services and works necessary to enable it to maintain its vital drinking water and sewerage infrastructure. This involved providing procurement advice on the suite of documents as well as advice on structuring the procurements.

Waste

- Suez Environnement's subsidiary, United Water, in its joint venture with KKR to acquire a 40-year water and wastewater concession from Bayonne, New Jersey. The concession requires more than US\$300 million of capital improvements to the water and wastewater systems which the JV will fund and manage. The DLA Piper team advised on the JV structuring, project contracts and financing aspects of this transaction, one of the first water and wastewater concessions deals completed in the US.
- Shanks in respect of the £750 million Wakefield Waste PFI Project in the UK. This major waste project reached financial close in January 2013 and will process up to 230,000 tonnes of residual waste per annum using mechanical sorting, autoclave and anaerobic digestion technology. Securing financing was a significant challenge but we successfully guided Shanks through a complicated process with funding provided by GIB, Barclays, Bayern LB and SMBC.
- Alauna Renewable Energy Limited, a joint venture between Kelda Water Services Limited and Scottish Water Horizons on the Edinburgh Food Waste Project. The project is based on a long term contract between the City of Edinburgh Council and Alauna Renewable Energy Limited to design, finance, build and operate a state of the art food waste facility using anaerobic digestion technology, which is capable of handling up to 30,000 tonnes of food waste every year.
- The funders to Advising the AmeyCespa consortium as preferred bidder on the North Yorkshire Waste PFI project prior to following the recent restructuring of financing of the project following the withdrawal by Defra of Waste Infrastructure Credits.
- Viridor on its bid for this major project being jointly procured by several local authorities in the Clyde Valley region with North Lanarkshire Council as lead authority. We are advising them on all aspects of this project, which is at the ISOS stage of procurement.
- Leeds City Council on its Residual Waste PFI project for the disposal of municipal waste.

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 NRStor 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.
