



## 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

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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

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- Energy and Natural Resources
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

- Water supply and waste water systems
- Accommodation and healthcare facilities
- Sports, tourism and entertainment facilities

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Inside the Inflation Reduction Act**

19 August 2022

A look at the business-critical aspects of this sweeping, extraordinary legislation and its implications for clean energy projects, electric vehicle development, corporate taxes, healthcare, and environmental policy.

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#### **The historic Inflation Reduction Act makes significant changes to federal environmental law and programs**

19 August 2022

The IRA aims to achieve environmental policy goals through an array of programs addressing greenhouse gas and methane emissions, environmental justice, and climate resilience.

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#### **Colombia's National Mining Authority is tracking contracts on the blockchain: What can other Latin American countries learn from this experience?**

18 August 2022

[PANORAMA](#)

The Agency registers each mining concession contract as a non-fungible token, making it a unique, encrypted digital asset.

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#### **The clean energy provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 – a historic effort to encourage the development of clean energy and reduce carbon emissions**

17 August 2022

The IRA will have a dramatic impact on development and financing of clean energy projects in the US over the next ten years, not least by expanding tax credits to additional technologies and allowing project owners to directly transfer those credits.

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#### **Judge declares reforms to Electricity Industry Law unconstitutional**

11 August 2022

Key details and implications for individuals, businesses and investors in Mexico's electricity sector.

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## **Brazil's FIAGRO promotes agribusiness: key points about this new form of investment**

4 August 2022

[PANORAMA](#)

By creating the FIAGRO structure, the Brazilian government is aiming to move financing of agricultural production from public subsidies into private hands.

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## **Mexican Energy Regulatory Commission imposes sanction of more than US\$450 million; Mexico's Supreme Court issues precedent unfavorable to permit holders**

28 June 2022

Details of the decision and implications on private investments in the Mexican electricity market.

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## **New wave of US sanctions on Russia targets services, broadcasting, banking, and US exports**

16 May 2022

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The US government continues to announce new measures.

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## **Mexican Congress rejects electricity constitutional reform and approves bill to regulate lithium**

20 April 2022

An outline of the House of Representatives' decision regarding the Electricity Reform and Mining Reform, as well as its possible implications.

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## **US DOC initiates circumvention inquiries against solar cells and modules from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam**

14 April 2022

Any additional duties could be applied retroactively to entries before April 1 and could be as much as or in excess of 250 percent of the price of the applicable CSPV cells and modules.

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## **Latest sanctions block Russia's largest banks, cyber actors and more; Biden's executive order prohibits investments in Russia by US persons**

8 April 2022

[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Two of Russia's largest banks, Sberbank and Alfa-Bank, which had previously been subject to narrower restrictions, have now been blocked.

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## **Mexican Supreme Court dismisses Unconstitutionality Action against Electricity Industry Law reform**

8 April 2022

Key developments and implications

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## Driving change: The decarbonisation of European transport

1 April 2022

Our new study, in association with Acuris Studios, surveyed 100 senior executives of organisations based in Europe that have invested in European decarbonisation projects and/or technologies related to aviation, rail or shipping in the past 24 months.

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## Economic drivers in Latin America: Key industry sectors and the rise of ESG

1 April 2022

Overshadowed by the pandemic, Latin America's GDP growth results closed 2020 at nearly – 8%, while global GDP growth results closed at – 5%. The growth forecast for 2021 is at 4.1%, relying on the vaccination efforts across Latin America countries to combat COVID-19, as well as the many relief packages launched by the world's biggest economies to help emerging economies.

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## Green Hydrogen in Chile: A Contribution to the Global Energy Transition

1 April 2022

Nowadays we see governments around the world adopting decarbonization policies to transition their economies away from high-emission electricity generation and polluting manufacturing/production of goods and services.

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## Projects Global Insight Issue 5, 2022

1 April 2022

### [PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT](#)

Welcome to the new issue of the Project Global Insights 2022. In some areas of the globe we are now seeing a gradual loosening of restrictions triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, and stakeholders and governments across the world continue to focus on transport, infrastructure and clean energy investments to boost economic activities.

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## The Biden Plan: The most awaited infrastructure plan for the US

1 April 2022

The need for an adequate infrastructure program for the US is well known. This program has taken several presidencies to see the light of day, but it finally took the form of a concrete and ambitious plan presented by the Biden Administration in March 2021 known as the American Jobs Plan.

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## 'Boomerang' decommissioning liabilities for the oil & gas industry in Australia

1 April 2022

Since ExxonMobil drilled Australia's first offshore well in 1965, Australia's oil & gas industry has developed, grown and matured, supporting Australia's energy security and generating significant economic growth.

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## Proposed EU corporate sustainability due diligence directive: what US companies need to know

31 March 2022

If adopted, the proposed directive could have significant implications not only for EU enterprises but also for US and other non-EU companies conducting business within the EU.

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## **New wave of US sanctions targets Russian Duma, additional elites, defense entities; BIS extends export controls to more than 100 Russian aircraft**

29 March 2022

### **GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

The latest sanctions affect all members of the Duma, Russian elites, bank executives and board members, and Russian defense firms, and BIS has extended export controls to certain Russian aircraft.

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## **ISDA proposes Form of Amendment for nickel market disruption fallbacks: understanding the options**

28 March 2022

Those who use nickel for their commodity reference price may find the Form of Amendment useful to avoid calculation uncertainty.

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## **US sanctions Russian energy sector while allowing various energy-related activities to continue**

9 March 2022

### **GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

Today's actions further restrict commercial activity and increase risks of sanctions violations by well-intentioned companies.

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## **US continues to escalate sanctions against Russia and Belarus**

4 March 2022

### **GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT**

White House announces new sanctions while putting in place extensive new export control measures against Russia and Belarus; DOJ announces Task Force KleptoCapture; OFAC closes some loopholes.

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## **Looking to verify your energy project to generate carbon credits? Understanding two popular verification registries**

18 February 2022

A summary of VERRA and Gold Standard.

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## **Canada develops GHG offset regulations**

8 February 2022

The System will work in tandem with existing provincial and territorial systems to develop a consistent suite of requirements for transferability and fungibility of GHG offset credits across Canada.

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## **Six commodities predictions for 2022**

2 December 2021

The worldwide turmoil of 2020 is, in many ways, still with us, but the good news is that alongside the struggles, the commodities realm is seeing an immense number of opportunities. Here, we take a fast look at the six areas we think the commodities sector should be watching in the year to come.

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### **Mexican president waives authorizations, permits and license requirements for government public works**

23 November 2021

The decree declares that infrastructure projects are a matter of public interest and national security, as well as a strategic priority for national development.

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### **New developments in the Mexican energy sector generate uncertainty**

17 November 2021

A discussion of relevant measures, criticisms and comments.

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### **Five issues to watch for at COP26 in Glasgow**

12 October 2021

Hopes had already been high for COP26 even before the pandemic paused it. The pent-up potential has only heightened those expectations.

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### **President of Mexico files constitutional reform bill on electricity**

7 October 2021

The result may include serious consequences for private investors in the energy sector in Mexico.

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### **Episode 5: What should we expect from COP26?**

6 July 2021

#### **THE CLIMATE TRANSITION PODCAST**

In this episode, we're joined by Ambassador P. Michael McKinley as we look ahead to COP26 and the best that businesses can hope for. Will this mark a step change in the energy transition? Are we putting too much faith in politicians to lead on that transition? How much can businesses lead and, if so, how much will COP26 help them?

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### **The DLA Piper Project Simulator – one year on**

2 July 2021

Over the past year, we have delivered The DLA Piper Project Simulator to many of our construction, engineering and infrastructure clients, over a virtual platform, and client feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

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## Reforms in the energy legal framework in Mexico and challenge mechanisms

4 June 2021

The Energy Counter-Reform includes variations which aim to restore the monopoly power of CFE and Pemex.

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## The role of external construction counsel

14 May 2021

A common reaction to hearing that someone is a "construction lawyer" is the assumption that this must be a very narrow and focused role. In this article written for the *Construction Law Letter*, Howard Krupat shows that often the opposite is true, and that the responsibilities of a construction lawyer are as varied as the range of projects within the construction industry and even the lifecycle of a particular project.

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## The Russia sanctions and their impacts on commodities companies: Action steps for companies engaged in transactions with Russian gas and energy companies

11 May 2021

Implications of key provisions in President Biden's Executive Order.

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## US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia

16 April 2021

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

The newly imposed sanctions represent a significant escalation and addition to the sanctions architecture put in place by the Obama and Trump Administrations.

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## CFTC's new Climate Risk Unit: Another tool in the Biden Administration's "whole of government" campaign against climate change

23 March 2021

With this move, the US joins governments across the globe in recognizing the vital role derivatives markets will play in developing new solutions to address climate and sustainability challenges.

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## Public-private partnerships for infrastructure investment: a global perspective

18 March 2021

In a new global report, produced in partnership with Global Infrastructure Investor Association (GIIA), DLA Piper assesses the case for PPPs, backed by multijurisdictional analysis from our projects and infrastructure lawyers around the world as well as insight from leading infrastructure investors who are fellow members of the GIIA.

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## Reform to the Electric Industry Law: a new risk for energy projects in Mexico

10 March 2021

Foreign investors involved in energy projects in Mexico may wish to consider their rights and potential remedies under applicable

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investment treaties.

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## Imminence does not mean haste

4 March 2020

### EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Sustainability and ESG stewardship are at the forefront of investment managers' and investment funds' agendas under the combined pressure of investors and as a result of several important pieces of regulation becoming live. SFDR is one of them. It will become applicable in phases, the first deadline being as early as 10 March 2021.

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## Extension of USD LIBOR – ICE Benchmark Administration Consultation

12 January 2021

On 30 November 2020, the ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA) which compiles and oversees LIBOR, announced that it will hold a consultation on its intention to extend most US Dollar LIBOR (USD LIBOR) tenors until 30 June 2023.

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## Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for transport

31 December 2020

### BOARDROOM BREXIT

There will be continued market access rights for UK and EU road haulage operators, while under the TCA, UK and EU air carriers will continue to enjoy flyover rights and operating rights on routes between the UK and EU. However, UK carriers will not be able to operate cabotage routes in the EU (and vice versa)

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## Oil and gas operations in Latin America

3 December 2020

Addressing key operational and commercial challenges that are unique to Latin America.

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## Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector

27 October 2020

### ESG HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

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## DLA Piper Collaborative Contracting and Procurement Paper 2020

22 October 2020

The construction industry has suffered for ages from contracts and procurement processes that crudely allocate various risks resulting in misaligned incentives and consequent disputation.

It was from a desire to overcome this misalignment of interests that 'collaborative contracting' was born.

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Read more in our paper.

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### **Germany's New Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) Act took effect on 11 October 2020**

19 October 2020

In addition to the intended amendments to the Foreign Trade and Payments Act Germany's Federal Government on 20 May 2020 has decided on a bill that broadens the scope and the scrutiny with regard to foreign investments.

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### **The energy transition and renewable energy in Chile: Top points for foreign investors**

8 October 2020

Chile has been actively addressing the energy transition for more than a decade, building a legal foundation that is attracting investment in renewable energy projects.

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### **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.

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### **Public-Private Partnerships in Puerto Rico**

21 MAR 2017

For those considering participating in P3s in Puerto Rico, this handbook summarizes the applicable legal framework and discusses why Puerto Rico is a favorable jurisdiction for entering into P3s.

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### **Is it a new day for Jones Act enforcement? Maybe. A practical look at coastwise concerns**

9 AUG 2016

The decision underscores the significance of each party's right to participate in the arbitration process and arguably expands the scope of existing arbitration jurisprudence.

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### **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.

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

9 DEC 2015

### HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS SERIES

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.

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## 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

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## The EU looks at fracking: regulations taking shape

21 NOV 2013

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## US commits \$7B to ambitious Power Africa initiative

2 JUL 2013

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

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

11 MAR 2013

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## Events

### Previous

#### IPEM 2022

20-22 September 2022

IPEM 2022

Cannes

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#### Accessing global capital markets

31 March 2022

Webinar

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## Embracing Digital Evolution

15 September 2021  
Webinar

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## IPEM 2021

8-9 September 2021  
IPEM 2022  
Paris

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## NEWS

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### DLA Piper Luxembourg has advised 3R Petroleum subsidiary to obtain funds for Petrobras acquisition

19 August 2022

Led by partners Xavier Guzman and Jacques Wantz, a team of DLA Piper Luxembourg has advised 3R in obtaining a USD 500 million loan for the acquisition of oilfield assets from Petrobras, Brazil's state-run oil company.

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### DLA Piper announces new firm, practice and office leadership

18 July 2022

DLA Piper is pleased to announce a number of leadership changes across the firm.

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### DLA Piper tops inaugural inspiratia 2021 corporate power purchase agreement rankings

11 July 2022

DLA Piper has been ranked as the number one law firm for advising on corporate power purchase agreements (PPAs) in 2021 in the inaugural inspiratia PPA dashboard for Europe. Inspiratia is a provider of real-time energy industry analysis and news.

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### International Financial Law Review recognizes DLA Piper for advising on award-winning deals in the Americas

24 May 2022

DLA Piper has been recognized by the *International Financial Law Review (IFLR)* for being part of the advisory team for the "Deals of the Year" in the "Debt and Equity-linked" and "High Yield" categories. *IFLRs Americas Awards 2022* recognizes the region's most innovative deals and the lawyers behind them.

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### DLA Piper tops inspiratia 2021 renewable energy rankings

29 March 2022

DLA Piper has been ranked as the number one law firm for advising on completed renewable energy deals in 2021. The ranking is

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compiled by inspiratia, a provider of real-time energy industry analysis and news.

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