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Jeffrey Sheehy is a projects and energy lawyer, advising across mining, energy, construction contracts, special economic zones and resolution of State to State disputes (especially with a focus on oil and gas issues and maritime boundaries).

His clients include private sector energy, construction and manufacturing companies, in addition to governments in the Asia-Pacific region.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Chinese (Mandarin)

- Advising the Government of Timor-Leste through the first-ever compulsory conciliation proceedings under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. The process saw the successful resolution of a permanent maritime boundary in the Timor Sea between Timor-Leste and Australia, and involved significant oil and gas issues.
- Advising on development and operations matters for the development of the Greater Sunrise field.
- Advising the Government of Timor-Leste on ongoing maritime boundary negotiations with Indonesia.
- Advising APA Group on key procurement, works and services contracts in connection with the operation and maintenance of its gas pipeline network, the largest gas network in Australia.
- Advising mining company in drafting full suite of template contracts and in negotiations with suppliers, including on various works, goods, services, consultancy, drilling, alliance, hire and other bespoke agreements.
- Advising haulage company in negotiations with purchasers and hirers of market-leading technology, including as to software issues.
- Advising senior officials from a provincial government to attract high-quality investment into their jurisdiction. This involved attending workshops with the government and working with a renowned economist in drafting a report assessing international investment trends and best practice in legal mechanisms incentivising investment.

- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

English Chinese
(Mandarin)

- Advising high-net worth individual on a special economic zone development in an Asian nation, involving significant land reclamation, constitutional and legal structuring issues.
- Advising minerals regulator on re-alignment of legal and investment structures for a stalled mining project.
- Advising government ministry on various projects to attract investment into their jurisdiction, including as related to maritime procurement.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia

Recognitions

- *Lawyer's Weekly 30 Under 30* Finalist 2017 (Government category)

Education

- College of Law, Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, 2014
- University of Queensland, Bachelor of Law (Hons), 2012
- University of Queensland, Bachelor of Arts (Chinese), 2012
- Peking University, Mandarin studies, 2011

Memberships

- Law Society of Queensland
- Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative
- Australia-China Youth Dialogue Alumni (2010 delegate)

Additional Information

- Successfully appealed education authority decision to deny disability provisions to a talented student in their final high school exams. This involved appearing before the Australian Human Rights Commission.
- Advising the Government of Vanuatu, as part of the firm's pro bono commitment to the country in the wake of Cyclone Pam.
- Drafting parole applications for vulnerable prisoners in conjunction with the Prisoner's Legal Service.
- Advising on various other pro-bono initiatives of the firm, including research on the decriminalisation of homosexuality in a south Asian country, the prevalence of cultural factors in domestic violence sentencing in a Pacific island country, child rights in the context of weapons exports and assisting at the Mental Health Legal Clinic.

INSIGHTS

Publications

- "Law and Diplomacy, Sovereignty and Consent: A Reflection on the First-Ever Compulsory Conciliation under the Law of the Sea"
10,000 word reflection on the Timor-Leste Australia compulsory conciliation proceedings. The article frames the relevant history, provides analysis of the conciliation from a legal and diplomatic perspective, and offers lessons learned for other States in resolving entrenched disputes

- "Sponsorship Decisions for National Sporting Organisations: Duties, Principles, Objects and Interests"

11,000 word essay summarising director duties, stakeholder theories and constitutional objects for 10 national sporting organisations in the context of sponsorship decisions

Events

Jeffrey has, since 2015, lectured on special economic zones to students at the University of Pretoria and University of Western Cape in South Africa as part of DLA Piper's pro bono program.

NEWS

New Perimeter hosts virtual training on special economic zones at the University of Pretoria

7 July 2021

New Perimeter recently conducted an online week-long training on special economic zones (SEZs) for the University of Pretoria in South Africa.
