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LONDON OFFICE OVERVIEW



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CORPORATE

Our corporate lawyers possess extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, capital markets, IPOs, takeovers and related shareholder issues spanning both public and private transactions across a broad range of industries. In addition, the London office expands the international reach of our private equity and venture capital capabilities, which include helping clients structure and organise fund sponsors and investment funds as well as representing entrepreneurs, start-ups, early-stage companies and emerging growth companies in structuring, negotiating and closing all forms of venture financings. We regularly provide our clients with advice on entity formation, funding strategies, IP strategies and general corporate matters.

ENERGY

Our lawyers have many years experience in the energy sector. We regularly represent a wide variety of industry clients in energy transactions worldwide and in disputes in the English Courts and in domestic and international arbitration. Our London transactional and disputes practices advise on key facets of the energy industry, including:

- Oil and gas, including upstream, midstream and downstream
- LNG, including transportation, liquefaction and regasification
- Power, including generation, transmission, marketing and sales
- Alternative and renewable energy, including solar and wind

In the offshore sector for the exploration and production of oil and natural gas, our lawyers are fully conversant with the practical issues associated with the installation and operation of offshore drilling and production infrastructure and equipment as well as downstream energy projects. We regularly advise oilfield operators, contractors, suppliers and insurers on a range of projects and disputes relating to the construction, management and employment of offshore units, in particular seismic vessels, pipelaying vessels, drilling rigs and drillships, accommodation units, production facilities, including FPSOs and FSOs and diving and other offshore

support vessels. We are frequently involved in handling complex disputes arising out of production sharing contracts, joint operating agreements, farmout agreements, EPC contracts and oil and gas sales contracts, and regularly assist with advice and negotiations relating to these types of upstream oil and gas agreements.

We have substantial experience of LNG transactions, import and export facilities and natural gas pipelines. The London office also brings together LNG project development, construction, transportation and gas supply experience on behalf of developers, suppliers and shippers.

We advise on onshore and offshore E&P projects, including country entry and related JV structuring and operational matters including JOAs, FDPs, GSAs, farm-ins/farm-outs, crude/gas marketing and offtake agreements, and related issues.

Our lawyers also advise clients on greenfield and ongoing project development, finance and investment in the renewables space, including solar, wind and biomass projects. In addition to acquisitions and divestments and project finance, our team has significant experience of negotiating project documentation such as EPC contracts, O&M and A&M agreements, and PPAs.

FINANCE

London's finance practice is one of the firm's signature strengths—based on our global platform and an integrated practice, covering the skills that our clients demand. Our partner-led approach, experience and versatility offer our clients a first class service, embracing both technical quality and commercial awareness. We have extensive experience in fund finance, acquisition finance, refinancings, corporate facilities, real estate finance, and financial institutions lending (including non-bank lenders and insurance), in each case across a broad range of industry sectors. We regularly advise financial sponsors, lenders, borrowers, investors, fund managers and central banks in relation to those core areas.

PROJECT FINANCE

Consistent with the firm's perspective to provide cutting-edge advice and representation to our clients, our Project Finance and Development Practice Group

includes experience across all major disciplines that affect a client's investment in a project throughout the project's life – from early-stage development and regulatory issues through financing, mergers, acquisitions, restructurings and public offerings. Our recognition includes being named as a National Tier 1 (the highest available rating) Project Finance Law practice in Best Law Firms 2021 by U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers®. Our work includes representation of lenders, borrowers, risk insurers, investors, sponsors and contract parties in projects utilising a broad spectrum of financing arrangements. Such arrangements include commercial bank and institutional lender construction and term loan facilities; so-called "term loan B" financings, letter of credit facilities; mezzanine and high-yield financings; capital markets issuances of debt and equity; securitisation and structured finance techniques; and utilisation of products and services from multilateral institutions, export credit agencies and national/ regional development and aid agencies.

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

We have a substantial team of English law-qualified, disputes lawyers with a long and distinguished record of representing clients in court and arbitral proceedings, and in other forms of dispute resolution (for example, adjudication, expert determination and mediation).

Our international dispute resolution lawyers act for clients in ad hoc arbitrations and in those administered by the leading institutions, including the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR).

We act for clients in the various divisions of the English Courts, in particular the Commercial Court and the Technology and Construction Court. Although our clients are derived from a wide range of industries, we have built a formidable reputation acting for clients in the offshore oil and gas, shipping and infrastructure sectors.

We also represent investors in disputes with host governments or states under bilateral investment treaties (e.g., ICSID arbitrations).

Certain members of the London team, a number of which are barristers, are able to conduct their own

advocacy and, Melanie Willems, head of International Arbitration in London and the immediate past President of the Society of Construction Arbitrators, accepts appointments as arbitrator.

SHIPPING

We provide high quality advice and assistance to clients on a wide range of commercial shipping and maritime activities. We cover the entire shipping cycle, including ownership structures and contracts for the construction, chartering and other employment, financing (including sale and lease back arrangements – acting for both lessor and lessee), sale and purchase, and decommissioning and recycling of ships and other maritime assets, including drilling rigs and floating dry-docks.

Our transactional and dispute resolution teams work closely together at all stages of our clients' projects, from before the shipbuilding or conversion or sale and purchase contract has been concluded all the way through to the final disposal of the vessel. This support includes resolving any disputes that may arise over cost overruns and delays, or defects discovered before or after delivery. Our balance of legal and practical experience through all stages of our clients' involvement in a vessel is why our clients value the service we provide and remain with us over the long term. We take pride in our reputation as a market leading transactional shipping practice, with experience in shipbuilding and ship conversion projects that sets us apart from others. We represent shipowners, shipyards, financiers and insurers, and work in all of the major shipbuilding sectors, ranging from small tugs and supply vessels to the largest and most advanced cargo ships, passenger ferries, cruise ships and drilling rigs. Much of our work involves newbuilding projects in Europe and Northern Asia, in particular Japan, Korea and China, and the conversion of existing vessels in Southeast Asia, particularly Singapore and Malaysia.

Alongside our work in commercial vessel newbuilding and conversion, we have established a significant presence in the market for custom built superyachts. We represent owners and shipyards involved in high-value projects for the construction or refit of these yachts and have extensive experience in relation to the management and financing of such yachts.



ABOUT HAYNES AND BOONE, LLP

Haynes and Boone is an international corporate law firm with more than 600 lawyers located in 18 offices in Texas, New York, California, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Washington D.C., Mexico City, Shanghai, and London. We serve businesses around the world in a wide variety of industries. We are trusted advisors and creative strategists and have a client-first philosophy, defining our success as providing exceptional value and practical business-minded solutions to our clients and innovative contributions to their businesses. We carry with us the progressive, entrepreneurial spirit that has always animated our firm and we are committed to remaining forward-thinking and preparing for the dynamically changing world of business law.

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