

## Lawyers



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Jonathon Hannah is Special Counsel in Sullivan & Cromwell's London office specialising in project development and finance. His experience spans mining, energy, petrochemicals and telecoms projects in a wide variety of jurisdictions, including Africa, the CIS, Middle East and Australasia. Jonathon has represented developers, sponsors, banks and ECAs in relation to some of the most complex and high-profile projects globally.

Jonathon also covers the full breadth of finance work, including restructuring, corporate lending and acquisition finance. He has experience in a range of complementary corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint venture arrangements and fund formation.

#### Recognitions

He has been recognised as a leading lawyer for his work in project finance by *IFLR1000* and *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*.

"[He] provided excellent services consistently around the clock. [He was] extremely efficient, technically prepared, available and really delivered value for money. Rarely have I found this level of quality."  
*IFLR1000*

"Consistently demonstrated unique skills, both technically and personally. [His] ability to deliver the highest quality work product in extremely challenging time-frames and under very strong pressure is remarkable"  
*IFLR1000*

#### SELECTED REPRESENTATIONS

##### Oil & Gas/Petrochemicals

- **Rovuma LNG** – representing Rovuma LNG on the financing of its \$35 billion LNG project in Mozambique (pending)
- **Australia Pacific LNG, Refinancing** – represented APLNG's subsidiary Australia Pacific LNG Processing in connection with its Section 4(a)(2)/Regulation D private placement of \$1.4 billion of senior notes used to prepay a portion of its project debt incurred in

#### PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

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**Bank Regulatory**

**Africa**

**Middle East**

**Renewable & Alternative Energy**

**General Practice**

**Credit & Leveraged Finance**

**Project Development & Finance**

#### EDUCATION

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**2004, Nottingham Law School, Diploma in Legal Practice**

**2003, University of Sheffield, LL.B.**

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

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**England and Wales**

**Hong Kong**

the financing of its LNG liquefaction project.

- **Dolphin Pipeline Project, Supplemental Financing** – advised the lenders on the US\$863 million supplemental senior debt financing for the Dolphin Pipeline Project.
- **Australia Pacific LNG** – represented the project company, a ConocoPhillips, Sinopec and Origin Energy joint venture, in relation to the \$8.5 billion project financing of two gas liquefaction trains in Queensland, Australia.
  - *IJGlobal* Asia-Pacific Midstream Oil & Gas Deal of the Year 2018
  - *Project Finance International* Asia-Pacific Oil & Gas Deal of the Year 2012
  - Standout: *Financial Times* US Innovative Lawyers 2012, Energy
- **Dolphin Energy Pipeline** – represented the bank lenders and underwriters on the \$4.14 billion refinancing of the Dolphin Energy pipeline project, the largest cross-border gas project in the Middle East.
  - *Infrastructure Journal* Global Oil & Gas Deal of the Year
  - *PFI* Middle Eastern Oil & Gas Deal of the Year
  - Middle East Oil & Gas Deal of the Year by *Project Finance*
- **Papua New Guinea LNG** – advised the sponsors in relation to the \$18 billion Papua New Guinea liquefied natural gas project.
- **South Stream Pipeline** – advised the project company and sponsors in relation to a multi-billion Euro project financing of a cross-border natural gas pipeline (currently under review).
- **Total** – advised Total on a US\$1 billion equivalent loan facility to a Scandinavian subsidiary.
- **Tengizchevroil (TCO) Gas Sales** – advised Tengizchevroil, a joint venture between Chevron, ExxonMobil, KazMunayGas and LukArco, on the negotiation of three long-term gas sales agreements.
- **Cameron LNG** – advised Sempra on certain English-law aspects of the US\$7.5 billion financing of the Cameron LNG Project.
  - Highly Commended: *Financial Times* North America Innovative Lawyers 2014, Finance
- **Salalah Methanol** – represented the commercial bank syndicate on the \$640 million non-recourse project financing of a methanol plant in Salalah, Sultanate of Oman.\*
- **Aromatics Oman** – represented the Export-Import Bank of Korea and the commercial bank syndicate in relation to the \$1.25 billion financing of an aromatics plant in Sohar, Sultanate of Oman.\*

## Mining

- **Ambatovy Project Restructuring** – represented the project company in relation to three restructurings of the senior debt obligations of Ambatovy nickel, cobalt and ammonium sulphate

mining project.

- **Oyu Tolgoi** – represented Rio Tinto and Oyu Tolgoi LLC in relation to the multi-billion project financing of a copper and gold mining project in Mongolia.

- *PFI Asia-Pacific Mining Deal of the Year*

- **El Boleo Project** – represented the hedging banks and commercial lenders on the intercreditor issues in relation to the \$823 million project financing of the El Boleo copper-cobalt-zinc-manganese mining project in Mexico.

- **Emerging Market Mining Project** – currently representing the Sponsors in relation to the structuring aspects of an emerging market mining project.

## **Power/Telecoms**

- **Reykjavik Geothermal** – Advised the project company in relation to a convertible term loan facility and the granting of certain investment rights to an institutional investor.

- **Chaglla Hydroelectric Power Plant** – Advised a consortium led by China Three Gorges on the financing arrangements in connection with the acquisition of the Chaglla HEP.

- **Emerging Market Power Project** – Advised the initial purchasers in relation to bankability aspects of a power plant in Kazakhstan (currently on hold).

- **MIC Tanzania Limited** – represented the lenders (including Standard Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, PROPARCO, EKN and local DFIs) in connection with the financing of MIC Tanzania Limited, a telecoms operator in Tanzania (trading as Tigo).\*

## **Restructuring and Strategic Finance**

- **Consortium led by China Three Gorges** – acquisition financing

- **Philips** – Advised Philips on a €1.75 billion term loan and revolving credit facility with respect to the IPO of its lighting business.

- **Goldman Sachs Investor Funds** – Advised Goldman Sachs Investor Funds on the restructuring of a €1.4 billion real estate financing.

- **Towergate Creditors** – restructuring.

- **Abengoa Coordinating Committee of Creditors** – restructuring.

- **Swisscom** – corporate financing.

- **Finmeccanica** – corporate financing.

- **GS Capital Partners** – acquisition financing.

- **Goldman Sachs Investor Funds** – restructuring.

\* *Denotes representations undertaken prior to joining S&C.*