

Ron's practice focuses on the development and financing of projects, particularly in the energy and infrastructure sectors.

He has extensive international experience advising proponents, lenders and others involved in major projects and transactions (including electricity generation, transmission, distribution and supply; upstream, mid-stream and downstream oil & gas; petrochemicals and liquefied natural gas; and other infrastructure).

Ron has spent much of his career based in London, England with major London law firms, where he advised extensively on energy and infrastructure projects and transactions throughout the UK, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He has also spent time working as corporate counsel to major international oil companies. Ron began his legal career as a commercial lawyer in our firm in Calgary.



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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- International Natural Resources & Infrastructure
- Financial Services
- Energy
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate Commercial
- Public-Private Partnership (P3)
- Securities & Corporate Finance

EDUCATION

- Year of call to the Bar: 1991 (Alberta), 1992 (England & Wales), 2005 (British Columbia)
- University of British Columbia, (LL.B.), 1990
- University of Calgary, (B.Comm. with distinction), 1987



REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Advising the purchaser of a global mining equipment manufacturing business with assets in Chile, Peru, South Africa and Australia
- Advising a bidder on the proposed acquisition of various container terminals and port facilities

Energy (Oil & Gas)

- Advising a Russian energy group on the financing of an acquisition of Siberian oil & gas interests
- Representing the Suez Group on the proposed Israel Natural Gas Project to transport natural gas from Egypt to Israel
- Counsel to Total on its participation in the Shahk Deniz gas field in Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus pipeline project to transport natural gas from Azerbaijan to Turkey
- Advising ENI on upstream joint ventures in Angola, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Nigeria and Russia
- Counsel to a Canadian independent oil company on its UK North Sea operations
- Advising an international consortium of major oil companies on a US\$5 billion integrated gas project in the Middle East

Public-Private Partnership

- Acting for SEEBOARD on its participation in a consortium bidding for the Channel Tunnel Rail Link project in the UK
- Advising Qualcomm on joint venture arrangements with Egyptian partners on a proposed wireless local loop telecommunications project in Egypt
- Advising a consortium on concession arrangements and tender documentation for a proposed toll road project in the Czech Republic

International Natural Resources and Infrastructure

- Advising ABN AMRO in relation to the financing of the Lisheen zinc mine in Ireland
- Acting as international counsel to Societe Generale as arranger of financing for the Sines LNG re-gasification terminal project in Portugal
- Representing Credit Suisse First Boston as arranger and agent of US\$260 million multiple financings of LNG tankers for the Nigeria LNG project
- Advising JP Morgan Chase on the structuring of various LNG tanker financings
- Acting for Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC) in connection with the proposed acquisition of EniChem's global petrochemical business
- Advising Qatar Petroleum and other sponsors on the financing of an MTBE and methanol petrochemical plant in Qatar

Energy (Power Generation)

- Counsel to NordLB as provider of limited recourse facilities to a UK energy group for a gas-fired power plant and associated gas field in the UK
- Acting for Viridian Plc (formerly Northern Ireland Electricity) on the Huntstown gas-fired power project in Ireland and on bulk gas and electricity purchases for Viridian's energy trading operation
- Advising Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), a major construction and engineering group, on the financing of a proposed gas-fired power station in Yemen
- Representing the Suez Group on the proposed 450MW Al-Samra gas-fired power project in Jordan

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE CONT'D

- Counsel to the arrangers, led by JP Morgan Chase, on the financing of a 200MW portfolio of gas-fired power projects located at Fiat Auto plants throughout Italy
- Advising Royal Bank of Scotland in relation to the financing of the 400MW Shoreham gas-fired power project in the UK (the first fully merchant power project to be project financed in the UK)
- Advising Credit Suisse First Boston in relation to the financing of the 750MW Rocksavage gas-fired power project in the UK
- Representing Foster Wheeler on the development and financing of their 300MW portfolio of gas-fired power projects in Italy
- Acting for the Suez Group on their bid for the Ras Laffan 750MW power and 40 MIGD water project in Qatar and on bids for projects in Egypt, Oman and Abu Dhabi
- Advising the sponsor on the development of the 250MW Barry gas-fired power project in the UK
- Counsel to sponsors of the 680MW Keadby gas-fired power project in the UK

Energy (Renewable)

- Counsel to ABN AMRO as arranger and agent on the financing of PowerGen's portfolio of UK wind farms
- Advising a private equity group on financing the acquisition of a portfolio of wind power projects in Germany
- Representing Foster Wheeler on the development and financing of the Lomellina waste-to-energy plant (the first waste-to-energy plant to be project financed in Italy)

Energy (Coal)

- Counsel to BNP Paribas as financial adviser for a proposed integrated coal mine and coal gasification power project in Italy

Securities/Corporate Finance

- Advising a Canadian utility on proposed equity investment and credit issues regarding a major pipeline project
- Advising a corporation on the multiple financings of helicopters for international operations

Corporate Commercial

- Advising on the establishment and structuring of corporate entities required for investment in a proposed petrochemical facility in the Middle East

TEACHING ROLES

- Lecturer, Euromoney Project Finance Law School at Oxford University, England

RECOGNITION

- Successfully nominated for inclusion in Euromoney's "Guide to the World's Leading Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers" 2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association