

# ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

The Energy and Natural Resources sector is characterised by a return of investment over long periods of time. **Here, more than almost any other sector, you need a team who not only understands the regulations and their implementation, but also knows intimately the market drivers and its risks.** Due to the direct industry background of our lawyers, many of whom have worked for major international energy companies, we understand the commercial drivers in the sector and can offer you not only technically excellent advice but also industry insight and recognition of business objectives.

We can advise you on all issues that may arise during the life cycle of large-scale energy or mining projects, including on legislative, political and regulatory questions, as well as with tax issues. **Let us help you manoeuvre through the labyrinth of regulations which are not always entirely clear in our developing markets.** We aim to mitigate risk but sometimes disputes are unavoidable; we can support you in all administrative, litigation and arbitration proceedings including investment protection and disputes brought under the Energy Charter Treaty.

## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

### Oil & Gas

- fuel, gas, pipeline throughput, aviation, lubes and specialties
- bunkering
- concessions
- exploration, production and storage
- upstream, midstream and downstream
- offshore construction, permitting and development
- environmental law

### Renewable Energy

- photovoltaic
- wind
- hydroelectric
- geothermal
- biofuels
- biomass
- waste to energy
- energy efficiency
- transmission and smart grid
- carbon trading

### Nuclear Energy

- construction and operation of nuclear plants
- decommissioning of nuclear plants
- transportation and disposal of nuclear fuel

### Utilities

- power construction
- pricing and tariffs
- power supply and purchase agreements
- trading agreements and balancing groups
- licensing

### Mining

- mining operations
- analysis of legislation concerning mining and exploration
- obtaining exploration licenses and mining concessions
- environmental issues
- funding mining ventures and projects

### Regulatory

We can advise you on all permitting and licensing issues relating to the construction and operation of energy assets, including unbundling aspects and compliance with market rules. By maintaining excellent contacts with the relevant authorities and regulators, you benefit from our representation in all kinds of administrative proceedings.

### Environmental

Considering environmental issues at an early stage of planning is essential to save time, money and nerves. The provisions of environmental law play an important role in acquisitions, as well as in the planning, implementation, development and licensing of energy and other natural resource projects, and are crucial for their rapid and efficient implementation. Through their years of experience in this field, our environmental law specialists are ideally equipped to filter out and handle the relevant issues for you.



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"We receive the highest level of service from them, including new business-oriented approaches."

"Their energy sector knowledge and experience in the whole region is quite wide, so it is very easy to receive a legal opinion from them relating not just to one country but to the region," states another client.

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