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Rhys Howard is special counsel in the New York office of Milbank and a member of the firm's Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance Group.

Primary Focus & Experience

Rhys has extensive experience advising project sponsors, commercial banks, export credit agencies, multilateral and development finance institutions, private equity funds, institutional investors and other key stakeholders on a variety of domestic and cross-border project financings (including bank debt, ECA-insured lending, private placements and 144A/Reg S debt issuances), acquisitions and restructuring in various industries and sectors.

Notable recent experience includes the representation of:

- New Fortress Energy Inc. in connection with the \$5 billion combined acquisition of Hygo Energy Transition Ltd. and Golar LNG Partners, LP.
- The creditors in the \$875 million financing of the CPV Three Rivers Energy Center, a gas-fired combined cycle power generation facility in northeastern Illinois, located in PJM. The transaction featured a bank tranche, fixed rate tranche and a 4(a)(2) private placement tranche. This transaction was named "US Power Deal of the Year" by *PFI*
- Brazilian port terminal owner Prumo Participações e Investimentos S.A., a wholly-owned special purpose subsidiary of Prumo Logística S.A., in connection with its offering of \$350 million 7.500% Senior Secured Notes due December 2031.
- Various institutional investors and Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank in connection with GridFlex Generation, LLC's refinancing of a portfolio of three gas-fired peaking generation facilities in the PJM area.
- UTE GNA I Geração de Energia S.A. (GNA) in connection with the project financing of a 1,300 MW LNG-to-Power project in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This transaction was named "Power Financing of the Year" by *LatinFinance* 2019, "Infrastructure Financing of the Year: Brazil" by *LatinFinance* 2019 and "Latin America Export Finance Deal of the Year" by IJGlobal Americas
- Centrais Elétricas de Sergipe S.A. (CELSE) in connection with the development and greenfield project financing of a 1,500 MW LNG-to-Power project and related LNG

FSRU charter in Porto de Sergipe, Brazil. This transaction was named “Financing Innovation of the Year” by *LatinFinance* 2018, “Best Bond and Best Infrastructure Financing – Brazil” by *LatinFinance* 2018, “Latin America Power Deal of the Year” by IJGlobal Americas 2018, “Latin America Power Deal of the Year – Americas” by *PFI* 2018, “Project Finance Deal of the Year and Debt & Equity-Linked Deal of the Year” by *IFLR* Americas Awards 2019 and “Brazil: Project Finance Deal of the Year” by *Bonds & Loans* 2018

- The lenders, including the agencies (EDC, EFIC, Euler-Hermes, KEXIM and KFW IPEX-Bank) and a group of commercial banks in connection with the \$900 million senior debt financing for the development, construction and operation of the Mina Justa copper-silver-gold mine located in the Ica region of Peru. This transaction was named “Mining Deal of the Year” by *PFI* 2018 (Americas).

Recognition & Accomplishments

Rhys received his Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Auckland. He is admitted to practice in New York.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

University of Auckland, BComm/LL.B.

ADMISSIONS

New York

EXPERIENCE

Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance

Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance and Renewable Energy

Renewable Energy

FEATURED NEWS

Milbank Advises SouthWest Water Company on Merger with Corix Infrastructure (U.S.) to Create Nexus Water Group

Milbank Advises on Terminal Química Puerto México's \$440M Senior Debt Financing

Milbank Advises Apterra and the Lenders in Connection with RNG and Renewable Power Provider OPAL Fuels \$500M Senior Secured Credit Facility

Milbank Advised Onward Energy in Its Successful Acquisition of 1,171 MW Operating Solar Portfolio from Global Atlantic

Milbank Advises Arrangers in Revolving Credit Facility for Solar Company Altus Power

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