Matthew Hagopian

As head of the London Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance Group, Matthew has an extensive practice advising on the development and financing of major international cross-border energy and power projects. He is a dual-qualified (English/New York law) lawyer and globally recognised in Chambers, Legal 500 and other legal directories for his expertise in advising on innovative and ‘first-of-its-kind’ projects within the oil & gas and power sectors, with a particular focus on LNG.

Primary Focus & Experience

Matthew is a dual-qualified (English/New York law) partner who acted as co-head of the Global Energy sector and led the U.S. law energy and project finance practice globally at his previous firm. He is a leading practitioner in the oil, gas and power sectors, with a particular focus on LNG, as illustrated by his most recent work in relation to:

- The development, financing and/or acquisition of more than 35 LNG projects around the globe;
- The development, acquisition and financing of numerous refineries, petrochemical plants and pipelines in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the CIS, North America and South America;
- The development, acquisition and/or financing of more than 40 power projects in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, North America and South America; and
- The acquisition and financing of upstream oil and gas interests in the Middle East, Africa and the CIS.

Recognition & Accomplishments

Matthew has been recognised as a leading project finance lawyer by a number of journals, including Chambers UK, Chambers Global, Chambers Latin America and Legal 500.
“Matthew Hagopian has developed significant expertise in LNG projects and his deep industry knowledge is highlighted as a key asset. He is particularly strong driving through deals in difficult markets. ‘He’s an excellent lawyer who always does a fine job’ say sources” - Chambers

“Recommended partners include Matthew Hagopian ‘very experienced and knowledgeable in project finance’). [Matthew’s] clients say he is ‘the best legal advisor in the industry’. He ‘brings a wealth of industry experience, creativity, common sense, strength, fairness, closing capabilities and energy to a complex, multi-party, multi-cultural table’. ‘He is an excellent lawyer, who has extensive experience in the LNG market. He is also a tough negotiator who adapted very well to particular needs or issues’. He ‘has a lot of experience, seniority and knowledge and has outstanding negotiations skills’ - Legal 500

ADDITIONAL DETAILS
EDUCATION
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, J.D.
Georgetown University, B.S.

ADMISSIONS
England and Wales
New York

EXPERIENCE
Project, Energy and Infrastructure Finance
Infrastructure
Oil and Gas
Power and Energy
Africa
Asia
Europe
Greece and Cyprus
Latin America
Middle East

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