

Ben Sulaiman

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Biography

Ben is the global head of our Oil, Gas & LNG group and is a member of our Tier 1 (Legal 500 UK, 2025) Infrastructure and Projects group in London. He is a go-to expert in the energy sector and operates both in the UK and internationally on projects, transactions and regulatory matters.

Ranked by Chambers and Legal 500 for Oil & Gas, he regularly advises energy companies, investors and governments on upstream and pipeline projects, LNG projects, oil & gas M&A, financing arrangements, and sales and trading.

Ben leads the firm's work advising the bp and SOCAR led consortium on all aspects of the US\$45bn Shah Deniz 2 gas project and 3,500km Southern Gas Corridor, described by bp as "*the world's single largest non-military infrastructure project*".

Representative experience

ExxonMobil on its sale of a package of UK North Sea upstream assets and interest in the Bacton terminal to RockRose Energy Limited.

The Consortium led by BP and SOCAR on US\$45bn Shah Deniz 2 gas project in Azerbaijan and 3,500km Southern Gas Corridor (South Caucasus Pipeline, TANAP and TAP).

Chevron on its Republic of Congo country exit through the sale of Chevron Overseas (Congo) Limited to Trident Energy.



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Languages

English

Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects

Environment and Natural Resources

Africa Regional Practice

Energy Regulatory

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Infrastructure/Energy M&A and Joint Ventures

Chevron on new country entry and upstream asset acquisitions in Namibia.

QatarEnergy on new country entries into Namibia, South Africa and Lebanon.

An energy major on development of landmark upstream oil project and gas-to-energy project in Guyana.

Wintershall Dea on acquisition of major interest in upstream Hokchi block, Mexico.

The UK Government (DESNZ) on landmark special administration and sale out of administration of Bulb Energy Limited.

The UK Government (DESNZ) on (i) £12bn Energy Bills Support Scheme (ii) £40bn Energy Markets Financing Scheme and (iii) GB gas storage regime.

Sojitz Corporation on its purchase from Helios Investment Partners of a 25% interest in Axxela, the largest private sector gas distributor in Nigeria.

Awards and rankings

- Next Generation Partner for Projects, Energy and Natural Resources: Oil and Gas, *Legal 500 UK*, 2025
- Ranked for Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas, *Chambers UK*, 2017-2024

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Our key takeaways from the Carbon Capture Global Summit 2024
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises ExxonMobil on joint divestment of Southern North Sea assets
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Chevron on strategic acquisitions in Namibia
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Chevron on strategic disposal in the Republic of Congo

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Energy Legislation and Policy

Hydrogen

Commodities Trading

Education and admissions

Education

LPC, Nottingham Law School, 2003

Pg.D.L., Nottingham Law School, 2002

M.A., Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, 2001

Memberships

Committee Member of IBA's UK Energy Lawyers' Group

Association of International Energy Negotiators

Court admissions

England and Wales

Accolades

"Ben Sulaiman always demonstrates high attention to detail and provides

- News
 - United Kingdom to withdraw from the Energy Charter Treaty
- News
 - UK North Sea fiscal and regulatory stability

valuable legal advice. He's a very good communicator and can work under pressure."

Chambers UK, 2024

"Ben Sulaiman is always on top of things."

Legal 500 UK, 2025

"He is a classic international oil and gas expert who is knowledgeable of all the ins and outs of international regimes."

Chambers UK, 2024

"He'll come up with sensible and actionable recommendations."

Chambers UK, 2024
