

Bruno Cantier

Partner

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Biography

Bruno Cantier focuses on project finance and PPP, with a particular emphasis on infrastructure, energy, and transport.

Bruno assists sponsors, lenders, and public authorities on the project aspects of concessions and PPPs, and in particular on the drafting and negotiation of concession and PFI agreements, and of their construction and O&M subcontracts. He works in close association with the project finance lawyers of the Banking practice in relation with the drafting and negotiation of the finance agreements.

Qualified as a public lawyer, he has more than 15 years of experience in advising sponsors, lenders, and public authorities in the field of accommodation and infrastructure concession and PPP projects, with a particular focus on rail and road project financed transactions.

Representative experience

Assisting Alstom Wind in connection with the €10bn French Atlantic offshore windfarms tenders, including the negotiation of their EPC and O&M contracts.

Assistance to Alstom involving bid to operate (850MW aggregated) onshore windfarms in Morocco (€1.2bn) and negotiating the EPC/O&M agreements of Taza 150 MW windfarm.



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Languages

English
French
Creole

Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Government Contracts

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Public Procurement

Sovereigns

Caribbean Desk

Industries

Diversified Industrials

Assistance to the sponsors in connection with the negotiation of a 70MW hydroelectric power plant in Singrobo, Ivory Coast (€100M, ongoing).

Assisting Governments in connection with the negotiation of the concessions of the 1,500km Benin-Niger sections of the Rail African Rail Loop (€3bn).

Assisting the EIB in connection with the €1bn Ouarzazate Noor I (160MW), Noor II (150MW) and Noor III (150MW) solar power plants in Morocco.

Assisting a contractor in its bids for the Rades and Mornaguia power plants in Tunisia.

Assistance to the lenders with a waste treatment and power plant facility in Guadeloupe (€280M).

Advising the lenders in the frame of the construction of a greenfield, 15 kilometers-long TramBus line between Fort de France's airport and city centre (Martinique).

Awards and rankings

- Recommended as a National Leader in Administrative Litigation, *Whos Who Legal*, 2020
- Recommended as a National Leader in Government Contracts, *Whos Who Legal*, 2020
- Industry Focus: Energy, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Administrative and Public Law, France, Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2020
- Project Finance, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Bruno Cantier: Recognized in Public Law, *Chambers Europe*, 2018
- Bruno Cantier features in the ranking of the 50 best lawyers of 2017, *Jeune Afrique*, 2017
- Africa Infrastructure Team of the Year, *Legal Week*, October 2015
- Project Finance French Law Firm of the Year - May 2015, *Finance Monthly*, 2015
- N°1 French Law firm for Project Finance (Le Monde du Droit, Mars 2015), 2015
- Rail Law Firm, *Global Transport Finance*, 2013

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Sovereigns: Debt & Restructuring

Sovereigns: Infrastructure, Energy and Projects

Sovereigns: PPP / Complex Projects

Education and admissions

Education

D.E.A. Droit Public Interne, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1992

- N°1 French Law Firm for Concessions & PPP in the past 5 years, *Le Magazine des Affaires*, 2012
- European Rail Deal of the Year, *Tour - Bordeaux High Speed Concession*, 2011

Latest thinking and events

- Brochures
 - Offshore Wind Worldwide - Regulatory framework in selected countries
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises lenders on the renegotiation of the Dakar-Diamniadio-AIBD toll highway concession contract
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Africa Energy Forum (aef) 2021
- Webinar
 - Business Leaders Series: North Africa
- Brochures
 - Offshore wind worldwide – Regulatory framework in selected countries
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector