

Tom Edwards

Senior Associate

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Biography

Tom acts for clients in the energy industry with a focus on upstream and midstream Oil & Gas projects, M&A and commercial transactions.

Tom has represented clients on the acquisition, development and divestment of Oil & Gas assets across the globe, regularly advising the owners and operators of upstream and midstream assets across the asset life-cycle on matters relating to: granting instruments and host government / IOC negotiations; joint venturing; exploration activities; field development and decommissioning operations (including security arrangements); hydrocarbon lifting, transportation, processing, and sales arrangements; LNG project developments and sales; as well as the procurement of drilling and other oilfield services.

Tom's clients include governments, national oil companies, majors, utilities with upstream investments, independents, as well as private equity backed investors and operators. He has been engaged in representations across the globe including the North Sea, Africa, the Caspian and Former Soviet Union regions, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and mainland Europe.

Tom joined Hogan Lovells from the London office of a Chambers Global Band 1 ranked Oil & Gas practice of a U.S. law firm where he practiced for four years. In 2017, Tom practiced as a Registered Foreign Lawyer in the Singapore office of another U.S. law firm. Prior to that, Tom practiced in Aberdeen from 2010 to 2015,



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Languages

English

Practices

Infrastructure, Energy,
Resources, and Projects

Mergers and Acquisitions

Energy Regulatory

Industries

Energy

Areas of focus

Oil and Gas

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and
Midstream Facilities

focusing primarily on North Sea assets. During that period, he lectured and tutored post graduate law students at the University of Aberdeen on legal concepts and agreements specific to the Oil & Gas industry. Tom has been awarded the BOSIET and MIST safety accreditations to attend to client matters on offshore installations in the UKCS.

Representative experience

Prax Group on its agreement to acquire all of TotalEnergies' operated interest in the West of Shetland Greater Laggan Area oil and gas fields, and the onshore Shetland Gas Plant.

SOCAR, on the renegotiation of the ACG Production Sharing Agreement with a consortium of eight IOCs, resulting in a reported US\$40 billion investment from the consortium. *

Rosneft on its sale of a 10% interest in Vostok Oil to Trafigura for a reported consideration of US\$7 billion, and an associated long-term hydrocarbon supply agreement. *

The UK Government, on its statutory management of the interests of National Iranian Oil Company in the North Sea Rhum gas field, including all aspects of the field restart.*

NNPC, devising a model contractual structure for the development and commercialisation of non-associated natural gas discoveries made by contractors under oil only PSCs.*

A European IOC on the acquisition of unconventional oil & gas interests in the Neuquén Province (Vaca Muerta) of Argentina (two involving YPF and the other involving Shell). *

An independent oil company on the drafting and negotiation of the first transportation agreement for the shipment of third party crude oil through the Sakhalin-1 infrastructure. *

A shipper in a UKCS trunk transportation system on its gas shipping arrangements including a novel post-

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

Infrastructure/Energy M&A and Joint Ventures

Education and admissions

Education

LPC, University of Plymouth, 2009

PgDL, University of Plymouth, 2008

B.A., University of Durham, 2006

Memberships

Association of International Energy Negotiators

International Bar Association

Law Society of England and Wales

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Court admissions

terminal CO2 blending arrangement and associated procurement of low-CO2 gas.*

A Middle Eastern national oil company on the development of its standard petroleum contract (risk services model) for exploration, field development and operational activities. *

A Russian major on a joint venture with Middle Eastern partners, including the disposal of an interest in a group of fields in eastern Siberia for in excess of US\$300 million. *

A German energy company on a farm-in to substantial exploration acreage offshore Guyana. *

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises SOCAR on its agreement to acquire a stake in Tamar gas field
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advised Chevron on its country exit from the Republic of Congo
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises ExxonMobil on joint divestment of Southern North Sea assets
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Chevron on strategic disposal in the Republic of Congo
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Prax Group on its acquisition of UK oil and gas assets from TotalEnergies
- News
 - UK North Sea fiscal and regulatory stability