

Energy Disputes

Hogan Lovells has a leading practice in the field of dispute resolution in the energy sector. Our lawyers have extensive experience representing major energy companies throughout the world in a variety of challenging and high-stakes legal disputes.

Our broad Energy Disputes practice involves oil and gas projects, natural gas and power, transportation and trading, supply and marketing of crude oil, disputes arising from the infrastructure for oil and gas projects (for example, pipelines, platforms, floating production, and storage and offloading units), and in the refining and petrochemical sectors. We also have wide-ranging experience in renewable energy, the power, LNG, nuclear, and mining sectors.

We have extensive experience both bringing cases on behalf of our energy clients and defending them when they are sued. We know the courts, and the courts know us.

Members of our team have represented our energy industry clients in the full range of litigated disputes, including contract and tort claims, environmental issues, antitrust and consumer protection claims, JV and price adjustment disputes, tax issues, and constitutional challenges. We represent clients in disputes in federal and state court proceedings, international arbitration proceedings under all major rules, expert determinations, mediation, and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

Key contacts

Laurent Gouiffès,
Paris

Aaron R. Crane,
Houston

Areas of focus

Mining and Resources

Oil and Gas: Exploration and
Production

Related sectors

Energy and Natural Resources

We also represent energy industry clients in connection with civil and criminal government investigations and provide strategic litigation consulting aimed at helping our clients avoid or prepare for the possibility of litigation.

Representative experience

Represented the French subsidiary of a multinational oil and gas company in ICC arbitration proceedings brought against them by a leading French oil and gas company in relation to corporate law issues.

Represented owner of floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) units to be used in connection with deep sea oil extraction off the coast of Brazil in two ICC arbitrations involving EPC disputes.

Achieved major trial victory representing offshore drilling contractor in federal litigation against a multinational oil and gas company concerning deepwater drilling operations.

Defended a major national oil company against a petition to confirm a US\$300m Mexican ICC arbitral award nullified by the Mexican courts.

Represented a Chinese energy company in a dispute related to the price provisions in a long-term crude oil contract with two Russian counterparties.

Represented the owner and operator of a major coal-fired electric generation facility in Oklahoma, which was sued for breach of contract by Southwest Power Pool, achieving a major victory in an AAA arbitration.

Represented an international energy company in a dispute brought by a Korean company's Luxembourg entity regarding conversion of a coal power plant into a biomass plant resulting in an ICC arbitration in Paris.

Advised the project owner for two hydroelectric projects in Turkey on issues relating to the design and construction of the projects, including time and the owner's entitlement to terminate.

Advised on disputes relating to delay in commissioning a 1200 MW gas-fired power plant with CHP facilities in South Africa.

Represented an Indian photovoltaic company in a US\$407m arbitration regarding the sale and purchase of solar wafers (HKIAC, Hong Kong).

Advised the main contractor in respect of costs and delay issues arising out of the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of an offshore wind farm.

Representing a European oil and gas production company against a North African petroleum company in an ICC arbitration, and subsequent challenge and enforcement proceedings, in relation to the supply of LNG.

Advised a U.S. contractor in a proposed adjudication regarding delays to LNG facility in Africa.

Advised contractor of a prototype nuclear fusion plant in Asia in High Court proceedings against a key supplier and conducting an early case assessment.

Argued BLM lease-prioritization matter in federal court for a major coal company, freeing up over US\$1bn of coal for extraction.

Represented international gold mining company obtaining favorable settlements of several multi-million dollar disputes arising from the construction of a process plant.

Awards and rankings

- Named Trials Group of the Year, *Law360*, 2021
- Band 1 for Dispute Resolution, *Chambers Global*, 2020-2021
- Ranked among top innovative law firms in Europe, *The Financial Times*, 2021

Latest thinking and events

News

The ESG Academy

Hogan Lovells Podcasts

Insights and Analysis

Renewable Natural Gas: Legal Landscape, Private Sector Interest, and Future Opportunities for Investment

Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law

Press releases

Hogan Lovells advises Verkor on its record financing of more than €2 billion

News

Offshore Wind Worldwide - Regulatory framework in selected countries

Insights and Analysis

FTC Non-Compete Ban: A Right to Unfairly Compete?

The Federal Lawyer

News

Denial of process – Hong Kong court sets aside award, finding arbitrator's conduct "seriously flawed"