Sovereigns

Sovereigns, including governments, ministries, central banks and state-owned enterprises, play a leading role in creating, stimulating and stabilizing markets, driving innovation, and developing sustainable global economies. They need their lawyers to take an informed, experienced and nuanced approach, with appropriate sensitivity to their special concerns and perspectives.

Hogan Lovells has been representing Sovereigns since 1904. During this time, we have been involved in the some of the most consequential matters ever to face sovereign governments and state-owned entities. We provide our sovereign clients, and clients working with sovereigns, with legal advice that is underpinned by a critical and deep rooted understanding of the environment in which they operate and transact.

Our advice covers the entire “Sovereign Cycle”; advising on the many legal aspects affecting sovereigns, including sovereign debt and restructuring; infrastructure, energy and projects; public private partnerships (PPP); international disputes and arbitration; international public law; government and public sector relations; international trade; regulatory; sovereign wealth and investments, privatizations and acquisitions and commodities.

Our global platform and network of strategic partners connects key financial centers and emerging markets, enabling our sovereign attorneys to provide in-depth

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Representative experience

California Public Employees' Retirement System on its acquisition of interest in the Indiana Toll Road.

Government of Croatia regarding the privatization of INA oil industry.

The Republic of Ecuador in one of the first-ever tests of "collective class action clauses," helping the country restructure US$17.4bn of its international bonds, its bilateral debt, and its derivatives.

The Bank of Ghana and the government of Ghana in relation to a project to reduce their domestic debt burden by converting short term treasury bills into medium term or long term debt.

IFC and the city of Belgrade in connection with a PPP project to transform the city's existing waste management practices.

The Shah Deniz Consortium (BP, SOCAR, Statoil, Total, and three minority parties) on the US$45bn Shah Deniz Phase 2 Gas Project.

Middle Eastern sovereign wealth fund on its solar energy joint venture.

Asian sovereign wealth fund in connection with the purchase of a US$100m pool of infrastructure fund interests.

The Met Office on the £1.2bn supercomputer project. The new supercomputer is designed to help improve forecasting of the Earth's atmosphere, making it more accurate, timely, and localized.
The Singapore Sports Council in connection with its US$1.8bn Singapore Sports Hub project, the world’s largest sports infrastructure PPP project, and the subsequent refinancing.

The Slovak Republic, against Achmea in the CJEU, achieving a landmark judgement on investor-state arbitration clauses.

Both governments and private sector clients in several WTO disputes, including with respect to the GATT and the TRIPS.

The largest bank in Ukraine (now state-owned) against its former shareholders, including obtaining a US$2.6bn freezing order against all the defendants.

The UK government on regulatory and legal advice on the negotiations of the UK-Australia and UK-New Zealand free trade agreements.

The government of Vietnam in an investment treaty arbitration brought by a French company under the Bilateral Investment Treaty between Vietnam and France.

Libyan state institutions on a range of international issues since the 2011 revolution, including engagement with UK, EU, and U.S. policymakers and legislators.

Awards and rankings

- Band 1, Dispute Resolution, *Chambers Global*, 2022
- Band 1, Infrastructure (PFI/PPP), *Chambers UK*, 2022
- Tier 1, Projects, energy and natural resources - Infrastructure, *Legal 500 UK*, 2022
- Band 1, Asset Tracing and Recovery (Law Firms), *Chambers Global*, 2022
- Tier 1, Parliamentary and Public Law, *Legal 500 UK*, 2022
- Tier 1, Administrative and Public Law, *Legal 500 UK*, 2022
- Tier 1, EU Regulatory, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2022
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