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About Tom

Tom Tomlinson has spent his career working on energy transactions with a particular focus on the financing, development, acquisition and divestiture of traditional and renewable energy projects. As chair of the firm's Project Finance practice, he regularly counsels and assists energy-sector investors, sponsors and lenders regarding the development, financing, acquisition and divestiture of power generation facilities, upstream and midstream oil and gas projects, refineries and petrochemical facilities, pipelines, gathering and storage facilities, wind and solar facilities and other energy projects. Tom's deep understanding of the energy industry has been gained over decades of experience helping to structure and successfully navigate a wide variety of transactions in the sector. His goal on any engagement is to leverage that knowledge and the use of project and structured finance techniques to assist clients in maximizing the credit potential and value for the subject assets.

Recent Notable Matters

Pilot Water Solutions — merger with Oilfield Water Logistics in exchange for roughly a 20 percent share in PWS' company, creating a premier water midstream operator in the Northern Delaware Basin

Global Infrastructure Partners — contribution of \$200+ million Bakken water gathering and disposal system to Hess Infrastructure Partners, a joint venture between Global Infrastructure Partners and Hess Corporation

Global Infrastructure Partners — preferred equity investment of up to \$200 million in Dos Rios Crude Intermediate LLC, a subsidiary of Noble Midstream Partners LP formed to hold Noble Midstream's 30 percent equity interest in the EPIC Crude Pipeline, which is being designed with an initial capacity of 590 thousand barrels per day from the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford to the Gulf Coast

Pilot Travel Centers LLC — formation of Produced Water Transport, a national owner and operating of tanker trucks, salt water gathering pipelines, and disposal facilities servicing Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma

Pilot Travel Centers LLC — acquisition of RBJ & Associates, owner of over 20 salt water disposal wells servicing the Permian Basin

Yuhuang Chemicals, Inc. — \$800 million project financing for a \$1.5 billion greenfield methanol project in Louisiana, which constituted the first construction credit facility in favor of a U.S.-based project provided by a bank syndicate comprised entirely of Chinese banks

Global Infrastructure Partners and its affiliated funds — \$2.675 billion acquisition of a 50 percent interest in a strategic joint venture with Hess Corporation that owns Hess's former midstream crude oil and natural gas infrastructure assets in the Bakken Shale

El Paso Corporation and Ruby Pipeline LLC — \$1.58 billion construction and term financing of the 675-mile Ruby Pipeline in the northwest United States. The financing was named Project Finance International's "Oil and Gas Deal of the Year in the Americas" and Project Finance's "North American Oil and Gas Deal of the Year"

Rockland Capital, LLC and its affiliates — \$167.5 million first-lien, multi-project construction and term loan financing for two gas-fired generation projects and a wind generation project, including a working capital facility and a letter of credit facility

Michigan Power Limited Partnership and its owners — \$263 million term and project financing of the Michigan Power electric generation project and related secured market-facing commercial hedging arrangements and related intercreditor arrangements

La Paloma Generating Company, LLC and its owners — \$412 million first-lien and second-lien term and working capital project finance facilities regarding its 1,022 MW combined-cycle electric generation facility

Freeport Power Limited — \$196 million first-lien financing of an approximately 440 MW rated gas-fired combined cycle power plant located on-site at Dow Chemical's Oyster Creek chemical complex in Freeport, Texas

Arclight Capital Partners — purchase of the FERC-regulated Trans-Union Pipeline from Entegra Power Group and related acquisition financing

Calpine Solutions (formerly Noble Americas Solutions) — creation of large-scale wholesale-to-retail power sales and credit support facilities supporting start-up retail energy providers

Entergy Corporation — formation of Entergy-Koch Trading, a leading energy commodity trading operation, and subsequent sale of the same to Merrill Lynch (providing the basis for Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc.)

Publications and Speeches

“M&A and Financing Renewable Energy,” Institute for Energy Law’s 3rd Conference on Renewable Project Development, April 25, 2024.

Education

The University of Texas School of Law, J.D.
1995 – *cum laude*

Williams College, Bachelor of Arts
1992 – *with honors*

Noteworthy

The Legal 500 United States, Project Finance, 2010 - 2023; Energy Transactions: Oil and Gas, 2017

Delinian Limited, *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, 2019 - 2023

Lawdragon Inc., *Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers in America*, Project Finance, Especially Energy, 2024

Lawdragon Inc., *Lawdragon 500 Leading US Energy Lawyers*, Energy Transactions, Especially Finance, 2024

Affiliations

Private Equity CFO Association - Houston Chapter, Advisory Board Member, 2015 - 2017

Main Street Theater, Board Member, 2005 - 2017

Bar Admissions

Texas
Massachusetts