Seminar Program

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Registration & Breakfast

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks

Elizabeth Silbert, Partner, King & Spalding LLP

8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Session 1 - Evolving Liability Regimes in New Energies

Alan Alexander, Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP John Almy, Attorney, Liskow & Lewis, APLC Archie Fallon, Partner, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP Morgan Hollins, Partner, White & Case LLP

As new energy projects evolve, parties are reassessing their risk profiles. The allocation of risk is a fundamental building block of any construction, project, or financing deal. What once was a customary risk allocation in the traditional hydrocarbon framework may now be seen as misaligned, and new energy players are refusing to accept what used to be acceptable. This panel will discuss new types of risk, risk-management structures, and drafting considerations for this new world. The panel will also address how changing liability may lead to disputes.

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Session 2 - First Rule of Infrastructure Disputes: We Have to Talk About Them!

Teresa Garcia Reyes, VP Litigation, Baker Hughes Tim Rooney, President, Baker & O'Brien Inc. Mike Stenglein, Partner, King & Spalding LLP Marieke Witkamp, Arbitrator, ArbDB Chambers

Energy companies are involved in some of the largest construction projects in the world. The drive to net zero is forecasted to cost trillions of dollars in infrastructure development globally. This session provides an in-depth analysis of the scope and scale of new energy infrastructure requirements, and where disputes are arising in this space.

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM Networking Break

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Session 3 - The Importance of Effective Anti-Bribery and Corruption Programs in a Rapidly Changing Environment

Andrew Derman, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP John J. Sardar, Deputy Chief Compliance Officer, Sempra

Moderator: Michael P. Darden, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

This session will discuss how companies and nations looking for fast-moving progress in new energy project development are maintaining strong ABC values. Panelists will address how the new energy space differs from the traditional energy ABC challenges. Specifically, how bribery and corruption are combated through a variety of treaties, conventions, and laws, how business ethics and principles are critical to working in the energy sector and discuss possible traps for the unwary.

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM Session 4 - LNG Project Development: Here for the Long Term

James English, Partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP Monica Hwang, Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP Steve Otillar, Partner, White & Case LLP

As established transition fuel LNG is dynamic and here to stay in a growing market. The session will discuss how market dynamics, geopolitical environments and supply demand evolutions are shaping LNG contracting.

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM Session 5 - Decommissioning: An Essential Part of the Energy Transition

Dan Martin, Senior Legal Counsel, Shell USA Inc. Chris Moyes, Chairman, Moyes & Co. David Sweeney, Partner, Clifford Chance LLP Jennifer Welshons, Sr. Counsel, Global Legal Services, Chevron

What is decommissioning as it relates to new energies? How does extended life or repurposement of traditional oil & gas infrastructure impact development of new energy projects? What pitfalls do new energy projects need to consider related to repurposement or future decommissioning of infrastructure? Is decommissioning an adjunct obligation to the right to develop energy?

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM Networking Break

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM Session 6 - Focus on Hydrogen: Sale and Purchase Agreement & Joint Development and Operating Agreement

Maria Hadjialexiou, Senior Counsel, JERA Americas Inc.

Drake Hernandez, Associate Principal - Energy & Infrastructure, Charles River Associates Enrique Jaramillo, Counsel, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP

David Lang, Partner, King & Spalding LLP

Moderator: Erik Mielke, SVP Global Head of Corporate Research, Wood Mackenzie Ltd

This session will discuss AIEN's recently launched drafting committees to develop Hydrogen Agreements. The similarities and differences between hydrogen and other forms of energy (traditional oil & gas, LNG, RNG, etc.) also drive differences in how the parties contract their rights and obligations. The panelists will discuss the unique challenges to seeking contract standardization in a new field, and the race to develop instruments that can be used timely as the emerging hydrogen market grows quickly.

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM Closing Remarks

Michael P. Darden, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

Albert van den Brink, Deal Lead - M&A Renewables and Low Carbon Solutions, Shell USA Inc.

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Networking Reception