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Overview

Howard is a partner in the Banking and Finance practice for Dentons in the UK. He splits his time between advising on structured trade and commodity finance transactions, export finance and on projects and project finance, principally in Africa.

He is part of the team ranked Band 1 for Trade Finance by *Legal 500*. On structured trade and commodity finance transactions and export finance, he advises commercial banks, borrowers and export credit agencies, often involved in developing innovative structures.

On projects and project finance, Howard has advised national governments, multilateral and national development finance institutions, project developers and commercial banks on projects and their financing in many infrastructure and energy sectors, including on public-private partnerships. Africa is a particular focus and he has worked on transactions in more than 16 African countries.

He has spoken at many conferences, given training to many institutions, written articles and contributed to books on these areas.

Experience

Recognition

- IFLR1000 2020: Highly regarded for energy and infrastructure, product development, project and trade finance in the energy, oil and gas and mining sectors.
- Legal 500 Private Practice Powerlist 2019: Recognized as an African Specialist based in the UK.
- Chambers Global 2017, 2018, 2019: Ranked for Projects & Energy Africa-wide.

Comments in recent years from directories include: "Sources note he is 'highly regarded by financial institutions and banks' adding, 'He has real black-letter legal knowledge'" (Chambers Global 2017). "Howard Barrie is considered 'a

real deal-closer' by clients, who value his support..." (Chambers Global 2018). "Having Howard Barrie by your side in negotiations is really an advantage as he is an outstanding lawyer and has tremendous knowledge and experience. Even against the industry's top lawyers, he comes out on top" (Legal 500 2020). "...He is recognised for his years of Africa expertise which he draws on to advise clients on transportation, renewables and traditional projects" (Chambers Global 2017).

Insights

- "PPP in Africa – the long walk to freedom?", the Africa Commercial Law Foundation annual conference, Cambridge University, 2017
- Co-author, "Common Mistakes in PPPs and how to avoid them", The Uganda Law Society, Kampala, 2016
- Co-author, "The Namami Ganga Project Rejuvenating the Ganges – structuring viable PPP solutions", Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies and Eversheds LLP, 2016
- "Electrifying Africa – the hunt for an off-grid solution", *Modern Power systems*, 2015
- "The impact of ebola on project finance contracts", *Journal of International Business and Finance Law*, 2015
- Editor and contributor, "Public Private Partnerships BOT Techniques and Project Finance", *Euromoney Books*, 2009

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

In addition to mentoring university undergraduates and more junior members of the Firm, Howard's pro bono activities are focused on Africa. He is a non-executive director of the legal charity ILFA (International Lawyers for Africa, building legal excellence in Africa) and he is on the steering committee of the UK Sierra Leone Pro Bono Legal Network. He is also on the expert panel of the Water Finance knowledge hub of the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (Ganges rejuvenation project, India)

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons, 2018–present
- Partner, Eversheds/Eversheds Sutherland, 2011–2018
- Partner, Wilde Sapte/Denton Wilde Sapte/SNR Denton, 1992–2011
- Senior Lawyer, Wilde Sapte, 1991–1992
- Lawyer, Norton Rose, 1984–1991

Areas of focus

Practices

- Project Finance
- Trade and Commodity Finance
- Banking and Finance

Industry sectors

- Energy
- Renewable Energy
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Oil and Gas
- Transport Infrastructure: Airports, Bridges, Ports, Rail, Roads

Education

- University of Exeter, 1980, LLB

Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 1983

Languages

- English