

# Ron Stuber

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## Overview

Ron is the Co-Lead of Dentons' Renewable Energy team in Canada. Ron's practice focuses on the development and financing of projects and major commercial transactions, particularly in the energy and infrastructure sectors.

He has extensive international experience advising proponents, lenders and others involved in major projects and transactions (including renewable and other electricity generation, transmission, distribution and supply; upstream, mid-stream and downstream oil & gas; petrochemicals and liquefied natural gas; hospitals, road, rail, ports and other infrastructure).

Ron has spent many years based in London, England with major London law firms, where he advised extensively on energy and infrastructure projects and transactions throughout the U.K., Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

He has also spent time working as corporate counsel to major international oil companies. Ron began his legal career as a commercial lawyer in our firm in Calgary.

## Experience

- **Canadian Chartered Bank:** Advising the administrative agent and a syndicate of lenders on a CA\$210 million syndicated project financing used for the development, installation, construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of the 33 MW Narrows Inlet Hydro Project located 75 km northwest of Vancouver.
- **Capital Power Corporation:** Advising on the acquisition of 284 megawatts (MW, net) of generation from two natural gas-fired power assets in Ontario consisting of the 84 MW East Windsor Cogeneration Centre (East Windsor) and a 50% interest in the 400 MW York Energy Centre (York Energy). The transaction also includes 10 MW of zero-emissions waste heat generation from two facilities (5 MW each) located at Westcoast Energy's BC Gas Pipeline compressor stations in Savona and 150 Mile House, British Columbia.
- **National Bank of Canada:** Acting as counsel to the administrative agent and the lenders providing credit facilities in the aggregate amount of CA\$215 million for the development, construction and commissioning of 4 solar projects in Ontario totaling 38.5 MW. The financing is also to be used in connection with the subsequent acquisition of the solar projects by BluEarth Renewables Inc. from CSI Solar Project 16 Inc.
- **National Bank of Canada:** Acting as counsel to the lender in connection with a CA\$77 million project

financing of BluEarth Renewables Inc.'s 15 megawatt Culliton Creek Hydro Project, a run-of-river hydro plant located near Squamish, BC.

- **Golden Predator Corp.:** Advising on its US\$35 million loan facility with RK Mine Finance and Brewery Creek acquisition from Alexco Resource Corp.
- **Capital Power Income L.P.:** Advising on the CA\$1.1 billion acquisition by Atlantic Power Corporation.
- **Capital Power:** Advising on the acquisition of the 275MW Island Generation Facility in British Columbia.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a short-listed concessionaire for the Fort McMurray West 500kV Transmission Project in northern Alberta.
- **AltaGas Ltd.:** Advising on the development and construction of the 195-megawatt Forrest Kerr Hydro-Electric Project and connection to the Northwest Transmission Line Project in British Columbia.
- **Concessionaire ISL Health (a private consortium formed by Innisfree and Acciona):** Advising on this CA\$300 million DBFM project, which achieved financial close in July 2009.
- **Confidential client:** Advising the lenders supporting one of the consortia that bid for this design build project in New Brunswick - Route 1 Gateway Project.
- **Innisfree:** Acting as counsel to the Prince George Cancer Centre CA\$70 million accommodation project.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising the potential purchasers of various wind farm and co-generation assets in B.C.
- **EPCOR:** Advising with respect to the operation of the Williams Lake biomass energy facility in B.C.
- **Royal Jubilee Hospital:** Advising ISL Health, the consortium chosen to design, construct and operate the new, state-of-the-art, Patient Care Centre at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, British Columbia.
- **Confidential client:** Advising an unsuccessful DBJV for the Halton Hospital Project in Oakville, ON.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a short-listed concessionaire for the DBFO Northeast Anthony Henday Ring Road project in Edmonton, AB.
- **Fraser Transportation Group:** Acting as counsel to the design-build joint venture South Fraser Perimeter Road (Gateway Program), which achieved financial close July 14, 2010.
- **EPCOR Utilities Inc.:** Advising on the acquisition of a wind power project in Northern B.C., which is expected to generate between 100 to 200 MW.
- **CHC Helicopters:** Advising in the acquisition of 100 helicopters from 2007 to date.
- **Providence Service Corporation:** Advising on their entry into the Canadian workforce initiatives market through their acquisition of WCG International Consultants.
- **NaiKun Wind Development Inc.:** Acting as external legal counsel for in the negotiation and structuring of a 320 MW offshore wind farm to be located in the waters of Hecate Strait.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a Canadian utility on proposed equity investment and credit issues regarding a major pipeline project.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a corporation on the multiple financings of helicopters for international operations.
- **Confidential client:** Advising the purchaser of a global mining equipment manufacturing business.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a bidder on the proposed acquisition of various container terminals and port facilities.
- **Confidential client:** Advising on the establishment and structuring of corporate entities required for

investment in a proposed petrochemical facility in the Middle East.

- **Confidential client:** Advising a Russian energy group on the financing of an acquisition of Siberian oil and gas interests.
- **Suez Group:** Advising on the proposed Israel Natural Gas Project to transport natural gas from Egypt to Israel.
- **Total:** Advising on its participation in the Shahk Deniz gas field in Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus pipeline project to transport natural gas from Azerbaijan to Turkey
- **ENI:** Advising on upstream joint ventures in Angola, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Nigeria and Russia.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a Canadian independent oil company on its UK North Sea operations.
- **Confidential client:** Advising an international consortium of major oil companies on a US\$5 billion integrated gas project in the Middle East.
- **Societe Generale as arranger of financing:** Acting as international counsel for the Sines LNG re-gasification terminal project in Portugal.
- **Credit Suisse First Boston as arranger and agent:** Advising on US\$260 million multiple financings of LNG tankers for the Nigeria LNG project.
- **JP Morgan Chase:** Advising on the structuring of various LNG tanker financings.
- **Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC):** Acting in connection with the proposed acquisition of EniChem's global petrochemical business.
- **Qatar Petroleum and other sponsors:** Advising on the financing of an MTBE and methanol petrochemical plant in Qatar.
- **NordLB:** Advising NordLB as provider of limited recourse facilities to a UK energy group for a gas-fired power plant and associated gas field in the UK
- **Viridian Plc (formerly Northern Ireland Electricity):** Acting on the Huntstown gas-fired power project in Ireland and on bulk gas and electricity purchases for Viridian's energy trading operation.
- **Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC):** Advising a major construction and engineering group, on the financing of a proposed gas-fired power station in Yemen.
- **Suez Group:** Advising the proposed 450MW Al-Samra gas-fired power project in Jordan.
- **Arrangers led by JP Morgan Chase:** Advising on the financing of a 200MW portfolio of gas-fired power projects located at Fiat Auto plants throughout Italy.
- **Credit Suisse First Boston:** Advising in relation to the financing of the 750MW Rocksavage gas-fired power project in the UK.
- **Foster Wheeler:** Advising the development and financing of their 300MW portfolio of gas-fired power projects in Italy.
- **Suez Group:** Acting on their bid for the Ras Laffan 750MW power and 40 MIGD water project in Qatar and on bids for projects in Egypt, Oman and Abu Dhabi.
- **Confidential client:** Advising the sponsor on the development of the 250MW Barry gas-fired power project in the UK.
- **Confidential client:** Advising sponsors of the 680MW Keadby gas-fired power project in the UK.
- **ABN AMRO:** Advising as arranger and agent on the financing of PowerGen's portfolio of UK wind farms.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a private equity group on financing the acquisition of a portfolio of wind power

projects in Germany.

- **Foster Wheeler:** Advising the development and financing of the Lomellina waste-to-energy plant (the first waste-to-energy plant to be project financed in Italy).
- **BNP Paribas:** Advising as financial adviser for a proposed integrated coal mine and coal gasification power project in Italy.
- **SEEBOARD:** Acting on its participation in a consortium bidding for the Channel Tunnel Rail Link project in the UK.
- **Qualcomm:** Advising on joint venture arrangements with Egyptian partners on a proposed wireless local loop telecommunications project in Egypt.
- **Confidential client:** Advising a consortium on concession arrangements and tender documentation for a proposed toll road project in the Czech Republic.

## Recognition

First recognized in 2010, Ron has been commended for his extensive knowledge and experience in a variety of respected publications, including:

- *The Legal 500 Canada:* Energy - Oil and Gas; Energy – Power
- *The Best Lawyers in Canada:* Energy Law; Natural Resources Law; Oil and Gas Law; Project Finance Law
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:* Energy: Oil & Gas; Energy: Electricity
- *Lexpert Special Edition – Canada’s Leading Lawyers:* Infrastructure; Energy
- *Acritas:* Acritas Star
- *Who’s Who Legal:* Energy
- *Who’s Who Legal Canada:* Energy

## Honors and Awards

- Named "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* for Oil and Gas Law, Vancouver (2018)
- Successfully nominated for inclusion in *Euromoney’s Guide to the World’s Leading Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers* (2000)

## In the Media

- Quoted in "Regulating Resources: Key liquefied natural gas issues in 2013 include environmental assessments, applications for export and foreign investment", Article by Richard Skinulis, *The Lawyers Weekly Online*, January 11, 2013
- Quoted in "Energy’s Westward Shift," Article by Anthony Davis, *LEXPERT*, November/December 2012

## Insights

- "Canada", *The Projects and Construction Review*, Third Edition, July 2013
- "Canada", *The Projects and Construction Review*, Second Edition, June 2012
- "Canada", *The Projects and Construction Review*, September 2011
- Co-Author, "Shale Gas for LNG" chapter of *Liquefied Natural Gas: The Law and Business of LNG*, Second

- Focus on Renewable Energy - June 2010

## Activities and Affiliations

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

### Teaching Roles

- Lecturer, Euromoney Project Finance Law School at Oxford University, England

## Community Involvement and Pro Bono

### Other Interests

- Ron generally enjoys sports and outdoor activities. He is a keen golfer and tennis player and skis in the winter.

## Presentations

- Presenter, "Mining Project Finance", FMC Mining Seminar, Vancouver, May 13, 2010
- Panelist, "The Era of Financing Renewable Energy Projects", *Canadian Corporate Counsel Association 2010 Spring Conference*, Montréal, April 11-13, 2010
- Presenter, "The Legal and Business Guide to Infrastructure Projects", Osgoode Professional Development CLE, Toronto, May 28-29, 2009
- Moderator, "Subsidiary In-House Practice in an International Corporation", 2009 Corporate Counsel World Summit, CCCA, Vancouver, January 27, 2009
- Speaker, Conferences dealing with international project finance, renewable energy and oil & gas projects
- Speaker, "Negotiating the Financing Documents from Start to Finish" and "Project Development in the Power Sector", Financing and Procurement of Public Infrastructure and Other Capital Intensive Projects Course, LEXPERT Events, Montréal, Toronto, Vancouver, November 10-December 8, 2008
- Speaker, "Financing: Wind Energy and the Capital Markets", Wind Energy Symposium, co-hosted by the National Centre for Business Law, Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, Vancouver, June 2008

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Business Agreements and Commercial Contracts
- Commercial Contracts
- Corporate
- Cross-Border Transactions

- Debt Capital Markets
- Finance
- Joint Ventures
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Project Development
- Project Finance

## Industry sectors

- Accommodation: Hospitals, Schools, Retirement Homes, Prisons and Government Buildings
- Biomass
- Construction
- Electricity
- Energy
- Energy Joint Ventures
- Energy Mergers and Acquisitions
- Energy Transactions
- Infrastructure and PPP
- LNG
- Oil and Gas
- Petrochemicals and Refining
- Pipelines
- Renewable Energy
- Shipping
- Transport Infrastructure: Airports, Bridges, Ports, Rail, Roads
- Transportation
- Transportation Finance
- Transportation Transactions
- Upstream
- Waste
- Waste to Energy
- Wastewater Treatment, Water Management, Desalination
- Wind

## Education

- University of British Columbia, 1990, LLB
- University of Calgary, 1987, B.Comm. (with Distinction)

## Admissions and qualifications

- British Columbia, 2005
- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 1992
- Alberta, 1991

## Languages

- English