

Gibson Dunn Continues Global Projects and Infrastructure Team Expansion with Hire of Ben Shorten and Trinh Chubbock

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International law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP is expanding its Projects and Infrastructure team with the hire of two leading industry practitioners, Ben Shorten and Trinh Chubbock, who have joined the firm in London. Ben Shorten will serve as the head of Gibson Dunn's EMEA Project Finance team. Commenting on the hires, Barbara Becker, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Chair and Managing Partner, said: "We have been focused on growing our stellar EMEA projects and infrastructure team, and are thrilled to welcome Ben and Trinh to the group and to the firm." Federico Fruhbeck, Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group, said: "Ben and Trinh are both fantastic additions to our team. Ben is a leading practitioner who has extensive project finance experience and, having been based in London, Abu Dhabi, and Singapore, has a unique, global perspective. Trinh, likewise, brings considerable energy and transitional sector experience, particularly on the commercial side." The addition of these two partners follows a period of extensive growth for Gibson Dunn's Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group, along with the firm's energy practices. Recent high-profile hires in these spaces include Marwan Elaraby, Renad Younes, Laleh Shahabi, Jade Chu and Samuel Ogunlaja in the UAE, Federico Fruhbeck, Alice Brogi and Rob Dixon in London, and Rahul Vashi in Houston. Gibson Dunn's Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group has in-depth knowledge and experience ranging from green field project development, major disposals, and acquisitions across energy and infrastructure and complex asset restructurings. The group advises all stakeholders from governments, corporate and financial sponsors, through to lenders and other credit providers. The Energy Practice Group has a wide array of experience across all parts of the sector – from traditional sources of energy such as oil and gas, and electric utilities, to renewable forms such as solar and wind. The firm has handled energy-related matters involving numerous practice areas, including mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; debt and project finance; capital markets; joint ventures; fund formation; dispute resolution; commercial arrangements; and all manner of energy-related regulatory and antitrust issues. **About Ben Shorten** Ben's practice is focused on the development and financing of complex, large-scale energy and infrastructure projects, with a particular focus on energy transition, conventional power and water, and oil and gas projects. He regularly advises both sponsors and lenders on innovative, "first-in-kind" projects and has worked with the biggest clients in the energy sector in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. He received his BA from the University of Cambridge and is admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales. He is consistently ranked in *Chambers Global* for projects, infrastructure and energy, where he has been recognized for the past decade. Ben was at his previous firm for 23 years, where he served as Global Project Development & Finance Practice Group Leader. **About Trinh Chubbock** Trinh's energy practice is focused on project developments, M&A transactions, and commercial contracts. She has a broad practice covering the full value chain from upstream oil and gas to downstream sectors, with experience in midstream work and LNG. She also focuses on renewable energy and energy transition. She received her BA from Boston College and is admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales. She is named a key lawyer in *The Lawyer 500 UK* for power (including electricity, nuclear and renewables).

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