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Omar Samji is a partner in the Houston office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Omar advises clients on the acquisition, financing, and development of low- and zero-carbon energy projects, specifically targeting the increased baseload power generation required to meet AI-driven load growth, electrification, and net-zero goals.

Omar represents energy companies and investors in equity and debt investments, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and project development. His practice covers the spectrum of energy technologies, with a focus on the commercialization of advanced geothermal, long-term energy storage, and Small Modular Reactor nuclear technologies.

Consistently ranked as a leading lawyer by *Chambers USA* and *Chambers Global*, Omar is recognized by clients for delivering “fantastic results” and being a “very measured,” “technically polished” lawyer who brings a “high level of legal sophistication” to complex transactions.

Representative Experience*

Mergers, Acquisitions, and Financings

- The Energy and Minerals Group (EMG) in its disposition of minority interests in the Rover and ORS systems for $2.25 billion
- Goldman Sachs Alternatives in its $440 million preferred equity investment in BrightNight Power
- Corporate subsidiary of a publicly-held master limited partnership in its acquisition of $50 million investment tax credits generated by a battery energy storage system in Texas
- The Energy and Minerals Group and Vision Blue Resources in their investment in Serra Verde, a Denham Capital portfolio company, that is developing an integrated rare earth element mining and processing operation
- NextEra Energy’s decarbonization venture in its acquisition and financing of multiple data centers
- ESM Acquisition Company in its $300 million public stock offering to seek to acquire a low-carbon energy business
- Hut 8 Corp in its acquisition of Rocky Butte Power from Priority Power Management, LLC
- DT Midstream in multiple acquisitions of infrastructure supporting North American energy and industrial markets totaling $5.7 billion in value
- WhiteHawk Income Corporation in multiple transactions, including its take-private of PHX Minerals and its IPO filing

Capabilities

Projects
Cleantech
Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure
Energy and Infrastructure
Infrastructure
Mergers and Acquisitions
Power and Renewables
Private Equity

Credentials

Education

Columbia University - 2004 Juris Doctor
McGill University - 1999 Bachelor of Commerce

Admissions

New York Bar
Texas Bar

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- Titan Energy in its sale of substantially all its assets through a series of transactions post-chapter 11 restructuring
- Phoenix Park Energy Marketing in its acquisition of Twin Eagle's energy markets trading business
- MidAmerican Renewables, LLC in connection with its acquisition of the 550 MW Topaz solar power project
- MidAmerican Renewables, LLC in connection with its acquisition of a 49% interest in the 290 MW Agua Caliente solar power project

Joint Ventures and Project Development

- Private equity portfolio company in its development of a series of carbon capture facilities for commonly owned ethanol facilities
- Ethanol plant owner in its entry into a sequestration agreement for on-site carbon capture facilities
- Microgrid operator in its development of a renewable energy powered microgrid for a municipality
- SJ Industries in its joint venture with Captona to acquire and operate two fuel cell energy projects
- Infrastructure operator in its development of facilities to store carbon dioxide captured from amine treaters
- Publicly traded infrastructure operator in negotiations to provide carbon capture and sequestration services to natural gas producers
- The Energy & Minerals Group in joint ventures totaling more than $5 billion, including with Energy Transfer Partners, Regency Energy Partners, and Tailwater Capital
- StratosFuel in its financing and development of a hydrogen mobility fueling project
- Humble Midstream in its joint venture with Enbridge to develop a low-carbon hydrogen and ammonia production and export facility
- Integrated Energy Company in its development of a hydrogen and ammonia production and export facility
- OGE Energy in its joint venture with CenterPoint and ArcLight to create an $11 billion master limited partnership
- Targa Resources Partners in two joint ventures with Sanchez Energy

Omar has served on the advisory boards of the Institute for Energy Law and the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas & Energy Law, and on the Energy editorial board of Law360. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Fay School, a member of the Board of Directors of Performing Arts Houston, and the Immediate Past President of the Texas Association of Mediators.

Omar received his J.D. from Columbia University, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his B.Com. from McGill University.

** Includes matters handled prior to joining Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP*

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