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Andy Sears-Black is an associate in the London office of Gibson Dunn. He currently practices with the firm's Projects and Infrastructure and Mergers and Acquisitions Practice Groups.

Andy has a broad practice advising corporations, government-owned entities, and financial institutions on a range of energy and infrastructure-related project development and financing transactions, with experience in renewables and energy transition, conventional power and water, and upstream, midstream and downstream sectors.

Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Andy trained and practised in the London office of a major international law firm. He received his undergraduate Physics degree from Imperial College London, postgraduate diploma in Economics from Queens' College, Cambridge, and GDL and LPC MSc from The University of Law.

Andy is admitted to practice in England and Wales.

Selected experience*:

- Hydro REIN, a renewable energy solutions company in the Nordics and Brazil, on its acquisition of an 80% stake in a portfolio of 25 wind power projects in Sweden and Norway from IOWN Renewable Energy.
- NEOM Company, Saudi Arabia's new city gigaproject development company, on a $6.5 billion green energy joint venture with ACWA Power and Air Products that will incorporate the region's largest wind and solar renewables production projects (4 GW in total), more than 400 MW of battery storage and a ground-breaking green hydrogen /green ammonia export project. This was awarded Green Project of the Year at the Global Hydrogen Summit, 2021.
- PETRONAS on all aspects, including development and financing, of its approximately $28 billion RAPID (Refinery and Petrochemical Integrated Development) project and joint venture with Saudi Aramco in Malaysia.
- The lenders on the $12.5 billion joint venture for the Jazan IGCC / ASU project, that largest grey hydrogen project in the world, which closed in October 2021 and was awarded Global Deal of the Year at the PFI Awards, 2021 and MENA Hybrid Energy Deal of the Year at the IJGlobal Awards, 2021.
- The Dow Chemical Company on all aspects of the joint venture between Dow and Al Hejailan group to build a plant producing 12 KTA of polyacrylic acid dispersants and 28 KTA of emulsions in Saudi Arabia.
- Masdar and PJB on the development and financing of Southeast Asia's largest floating solar power plant (145 MW) in the Cirata reservoir, West Java, Indonesia. Awarded Asia-Pacific Solar Deal of the Year by the PFI Awards, 2021, Renewable Energy Deal of the Year by The Asset Triple A Asia Infrastructure Awards, 2022.

Capabilities

Projects
Energy Regulation and Litigation
Energy and Infrastructure
Infrastructure
Mergers and Acquisitions
Oil and Gas
Power and Renewables

Credentials

Education

University of Law - 2019 LPC MSc in Law, Business and Management
University of Law - 2018 Graduate Diploma in Law
Queens' College - University of Cambridge - 2017 Advanced Diploma in Economics
Imperial College London - 2016 Bachelor of Science

Admissions

England & Wales - Solicitor

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- KfW-IPEX on the financing of the GNA I LNG-to-power project in Brazil.

**Includes matters prior to joining Gibson Dunn*

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