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Veteran Project Finance Lawyer Raymond Azar Joins Gibson Dunn as Co-Chair of Power and Renewables Practice Group

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Gibson Dunn announced today that Dr. Raymond Azar has joined the firm's New York office, where he will serve as a partner in the Energy and Infrastructure Practice Group and as Co-Chair of the Power and Renewables Practice Group. A leading project finance lawyer, Ray advises developers, borrowers, and lenders on transactions spanning every phase of a power project.

"Ray is an exceptional power lawyer with a rare combination of sponsor- and lender-side experience across a project's full life cycle," said Tomer Pinkusiewicz, Co-Chair of the Energy and Infrastructure Practice Group. "The power market is growing rapidly in both scale and complexity, increasing demand for advisers who can work across all aspects of a transaction. Ray's experience is highly complementary to our strengths across project development, financing, and M&A, giving clients even greater depth on their most complex power and infrastructure transactions."

"I've known and worked alongside members of this team for years, so I know firsthand the strength of the platform, the culture, and the caliber of its clients. With the growth across the power industry, the timing was especially compelling," said Ray. "Power is no longer simply a procurement line item—it is central to where, when, and how major projects get built. Data centers are the clearest example: five years ago, the data center and the power plant were separate transactions; increasingly, they are one deal. Clients need advisers who can approach the project and its power solutions as an integrated whole. This is where this team's distinctive strengths really come through."

Ray's arrival continues the expansion of the firm's energy and infrastructure platform, which has recently added Gianluca Bacchiocchi and Jamal Lama in New York, Noah Hansford and Terrie Khoshbin in Dallas, James Johnson and Victoria Delacey in London, Clay Brett and Omar Samji in Houston, and Waleed Rasrommani in Riyadh. Together, these additions deepen the firm's capabilities for clients across the increasingly interconnected energy and digital infrastructure sectors.

Gibson Dunn's Power and Renewables Practice Group, which Ray will co-lead, advises clients globally on the development, financing, acquisition, and sale of renewable energy, energy transition, and conventional power assets.

About Dr. Raymond Azar

Ray's practice focuses on sponsor- and lender-side power and infrastructure transactions. His dealmaking experience spans renewable energy, energy transition, conventional power, oil and gas, petrochemicals, and infrastructure across debt, equity, structured finance, and capital markets transactions. His work with both developers and lenders—from early-stage development and engineering through financing and execution—gives him distinctive versatility and a broad perspective on how complex power and infrastructure projects are developed, structured, financed, and executed.

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Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Ray was a partner at an international law firm.

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