

## José Luis Vittor

Partner  
Houston

### Biography

Experienced in cross-border matters, José Luis Vittor counsels and represents some of the world's largest banks, corporations, corporate boards, and top management. He handles commercial and corporate transactions, project development and finance, cross-border banking, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and direct foreign investments in and out of Latin America, Europe, Asia, and the United States.

José Luis co-leads one of the Hogan Lovells Oil & Gas Practice Groups, and is an officer and council member of the Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law Section of the International Bar Association. He is a former president and member of the board of the Instituto Argentino del Petróleo y Gas, Houston, an independent business relations trade organization comprising multinational energy companies. José Luis chairs the Water Law Committee of the International Bar Association and the Water Group at Hogan Lovells.

*\* José Luis is a foreign legal consultant with the state of Texas.*

### Representative experience

Represented an oil and gas company in the negotiation of a US\$3bn LPG supply arrangement with a



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### Languages

English  
German  
Portuguese  
Spanish

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### Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,  
and Projects

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### Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

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### Areas of focus

Corporate and Commercial

Houston-based company.

Representing Australis Power in negotiations with the developer of an LNG terminal in Corpus Christi, Texas, and in the development of LNG facilities.

Represented Refinería del Pacífico Eloy Alfaro CEM in the development and financing of a US\$10bn oil refining complex in Ecuador.

Represented an oil and gas company in the potential development of a pipeline between Colombia and Venezuela.

Represented Colombian fertilizer company, Abocol SA, in the sale of its controlling interest to Yara International.

Represented Acon Investments on the acquisition of Vetra Energía S.L., one of the largest privately held independent oil producers in Colombia.

Represented Ecopetrol SA in the Barranca Bermeja Refinery Project.

Represented a Panamanian energy company in the negotiation of an LPG supply arrangement with Trafigura AG in Houston, Texas.

Represented Apache Corporation in a possible investment in Angola and a production sharing agreement with Sonangol and in a joint operating agreement.

Represented a leading European energy trader in its successful international auction bid for supplying thermal mineral coal to Mexico's CFE.

Represented Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. as a potential insurer of bonds to be issued for East End Crossing Bridge Project.

Represented an international airport operator in the Abertis' divestiture process of assets of assets in Europe and the Americas.

Transactions

Hogan Lovells China Desk

Water

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.M., University of Houston Law Center, 2003

Postgraduate Degree in International & U.S. Domestic Law, University of Texas at Dallas: The Center of American and International Law, 1993

J.D., University of Buenos Aires, 1989

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### Memberships

Founder member, Society of British and Argentine Lawyers

Member, Buenos Aires Bar Association

Officer, International Bar Association

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

Licensed as a Foreign Legal Consultant, Texas

Argentina

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Represented a Chilean investment company in the corporate and tax analysis for an investment in a public-private partnership in a brownfield highway.

Represented an international oil and gas services company in connection with its operations in Nigeria.

Represented a national oil and gas company in the sale process of Petrominerales Ltd.

Represented Millicom Cellular International S.A. in the acquisition of Cablevisión Paraguay, a subsidiary of Grupo Clarín.

Represented Apache Corporation in exploration bidding rounds in Brazil and Mexico.

Represented Petrobal in the association with Fieldwood for the CNH bidding round in Mexico.

## Awards and rankings

- Energy Transactions: Oil and Gas, *Legal 500 US*, 2017
- Finance: Project Finance, *Legal 500 US*, 2017
- Mergers, Acquisitions, and Buyouts, *Legal 500 US*, 2012

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector
- Brochures
  - International Project Finance - Make your deal a success with us
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - 2016 Latin America Oil & Gas Assembly
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - U.S. Crude Oil Exports - Issue 3: International Impacts *Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications

- Iran Deal – Implications for the Energy Sector  
*Energy and Natural Resources Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Impact of Declining Oil Prices – Issue 9: National Oil Companies