

## Ben Sulaiman

Partner  
London

### Biography

Ben heads Hogan Lovells' global Oil, Gas & LNG group and is part of the firm's Tier 1 (2021 Legal 500 UK) Energy & Infrastructure team in London.

He is a go-to expert for oil and gas matters and operates both in the UK and internationally on projects, transactions and regulatory matters in the sector.

Ben leads the firm's work advising the BP and SOCAR led consortium on all aspects of the Shah Deniz 2 gas project and new 3,500km Southern Gas Corridor, one of the largest and most complex oil & gas projects of recent years. He regularly advises energy companies, investors and governments on upstream projects, gas sales and transportation, LNG projects, oil & gas M&A, financing arrangements and energy trading.

### Representative experience

Advising consortium led by BP and SOCAR on US\$45bn Shah Deniz 2 gas project in Azerbaijan and 3,500km Southern Gas Corridor (South Caucasus Pipeline, TANAP and TAP).

Advising Equinor on disposal of interests in Teesside Oil Terminal in the UK.

Advising oil major and NOC on separate upstream asset acquisitions and new country entries into Namibia.



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Energy Regulatory

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,  
and Projects

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### Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

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### Areas of focus

Commodities Trading

Infrastructure/Energy M&A and Joint

Advising oil major on development of landmark upstream oil project in Guyana.

Advising on multiple gas and LNG price review negotiations and disputes.

Advising Oil & Gas UK and downstream gas industry on EU Gas Network Code amendments to industry standard agreements for gas entering GB gas network.

Advising on decommissioning arrangements for Jubilee Oil Field in Ghana.

Advising Marathon Oil on US\$450m sale of upstream concession interests to Total and country exit from Libya.

Advising SOCAR on floating storage and onshore regas project in Malta and associated long-term LNG SPAs.

Advising European utility on establishment of LNG trading business and LNG supply arrangements.

## Awards and rankings

- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2019-2020
- Oil and Gas: Next Generation Partner, *Legal 500 UK*, 2021

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells rings in the New Year with 30 promotions to partner and 47 promotions to counsel

## Ventures

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Energy Legislation and Policy

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LPC, Nottingham Law School, 2003

Pg.D.L., Nottingham Law School, 2002

M.A., Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, 2001

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## Memberships

Committee Member of IBA's UK Energy Lawyers' Group

Law Society of England and Wales

Association of International Petroleum Negotiators

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