

Wylie H. Levone

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Washington, D.C.

Biography

As one of the leaders of the firm's Brazil practice and Co-Chair of the firm's Israel practice group, Wylie Levone's life mirrors his professional profile: complex, cross-border, and challenging.

His clients include multilateral financing institutions, start-ups, family offices, angel investors, private equity funds, oil and gas companies, construction contracting firms, renewable energy companies, and hi-tech companies. To this broad range of clients and industries, Wylie brings his deep experience in cross-border investment, project finance, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and commercial transactions, bringing complex deals to successful resolution and working with clients to achieve their international business objectives efficiently and effectively.

Having lived in Brazil from 2012-2015 to open the Hogan Lovells offices in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, Wylie has developed a unique skill set helping foreign companies understand and navigate the legal and business complexities of doing business in Brazil, and, in parallel, he regularly advises Brazilian companies on complex commercial deals governed by U.S. law and on the legal and business considerations of their cross-border transactions, both in the United States and abroad.



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Languages

Hebrew

Portuguese

English

Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Transportation

Asset Finance

Business Structures

Commercial

Complex Contracting

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

Wylie has taught International Business Transactions as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, has been a repeat guest lecturer on "Doing Business in Brazil" at the Getulio Vargas Foundation in Rio de Janeiro, and has spoken at numerous seminars, conferences, and events on contract drafting, project finance, cross-border transactions, and related topics.

Prior to joining the firm, Wylie worked for several years managing projects for high-tech companies, primarily with European and large multinational clients. He also worked for The Middle East Children's Association organizing cooperative Israeli-Palestinian educational initiatives. He is a former sergeant first class in the Israel Defense Forces and has an M.A. in International Relations, with an emphasis on Middle East politics and diplomacy.

Representative experience

Advised a large Brazilian oil and gas company in connection with several cross-border transactions, debt financings, EPC contracts, and construction management agreements.

Advised IFC on the project and financing documents of a 250MW combined cycle thermal power plant project in Armenia.

Advised FMO and DEG on a US\$38m financing provided to General Energy Solutions for development of the Monte Plata Solar plant in the Dominican Republic.

Advised a major U.S. public university on the establishment of a study program in Rio de Janeiro.

Assisted a Brazilian manufacturing company on the establishment and setup of subsidiary operations in the U.S.

Advised Petrobras on the development, construction, and financing of an industrial complex on the east

Private Equity

Industries

Diversified Industrials

Education

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

TMT

Areas of focus

Rail

Project Finance, DFI, ECA, and Sovereign Wealth Finance

PPPs (including P3 and PFI) and Government Contracts

Operation and Maintenance, Facilities Management, Services and Commercial

M&A and Joint Ventures

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Supply Chain

Co-investments

Agency and Distribution

Manufacturing

Direct Lending

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

IERP Dispute Resolution

Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

coast of Saudi Arabia.

Advised an engineering and construction services company on its activities involving hydropower and other energy-related projects in Turkey and Iraq.

Advised a private investment fund on a seed capital investment into an Israeli solar technology company.

Advised a project sponsor on several OPIC-financed hotel projects in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Advised IFC on equity investments into companies in Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East.

Represented a helicopter services company in an Ex-Im Bank sponsored financing of several helicopters.

Advised an Indian chemicals company on its acquisition of a U.S. soda ash mining company.

Advised as lead lawyer to Petrobras in its sale of a gas pipeline network in the southeastern region of Brazil. (Awarded "M&A Deal of the Year" 2017 by *Latin Lawyer*)

Awards and rankings

- Finance: Project Finance, *Legal 500 US*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Brochures
 - International Project Finance - Make your deal a success with us
- News
 - Hogan Lovells advises ALLVP in US\$15 million Series B funding of MUY, expanding the "cloud kitchen" in South America
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Brazilian government lifts cap on foreign ownership of Brazilian airlines *Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects Alert*
- Publications

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Power: Renewable Power
Water

Automotive Regulatory

Corporate Group Structures

Company Formation

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Yale University, 2005

M.A., The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1999

B.A., Yale University, cum laude, 1992

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

- Brazil's New "Angel Investment Law" *Brazil Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Doing Business in Brazil
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Brazil Creates Covered Bond for the Real Estate Market *Brazil Client Alert*