

## Paul Shillington

Partner

Perth

### Biography

Paul is a Partner in our Perth office with over 20 years of experience in energy and infrastructure projects, with a wealth of knowledge in oil & gas. Paul has held senior private practice and executive roles, including as a partner of a national Australian law firm, as chief legal officer of a Geneva-based TSX-listed E&P company and as the founder and principal of his own advisory practice with offices in Perth and Paris.

Paul's understanding has been gained over many years working in the energy sector internationally. Paul advises operators and non-operators, contractors and sponsors on their projects, in areas including acquisitions and divestments, joint ventures and project governance, legal risk management, contracting strategy, major procurement, dispute management and regulatory issues. His experience extends to working on projects in jurisdictions with political and security challenges.

Paul has worked closely with clients on some of the largest LNG development projects undertaken in the Asia-Pacific region, and on acquiring, developing and managing petroleum assets located in West Africa, Iraq, and the Asia Pacific region.

Paul has a deep understanding of legal and commercial risk and strategy; an ability to identify,



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,  
and Projects

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

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### Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

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### Areas of focus

Oil and Gas: Exploration and

distill and communicate complex legal and commercial issues in a clear and concise manner; and a pragmatic and commercial approach to handling major transactions and negotiations.

## Representative experience

Advising a supermajor E&P company on a major offshore LNG development project, including negotiation of the joint operating agreements and unitization agreements.

Advising an Australian listed E&P company on LNG processing arrangements and associated projects agreements (particularly joint venture agreements and equity lifting agreements).

Acting as seconded general counsel to support Quadrant Energy during its trade sale / IPO process by its private equity owners, including transition and completion of its \$2.15bn sale to Santos Ltd.

Negotiating agreements to acquire PSCs in Iraqi Kurdistan for a Geneva-based E&P company, and negotiating farm-in arrangements for permits and PSCs in Nigeria, Senegal and the Republic of Congo.

Advising clients on high-value EPC and EPCM contracts for oil & gas construction projects involving offshore and onshore facilities and subsea infrastructure.

Advising an Australian listed E&P company on domestic gas sales agreements and associated gas transportation agreements, in Western Australia.

Advising an Australian listed E&P company on an EPC contract for the Class-required dry-dock of a crude oil FPSO.

Advising an Australian listed company on vessel building and charter arrangements for the construction/ conversion and leasing of a vessel for use in subsea mining offshore Papua New Guinea.

Production

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Construction, Engineering, and Projects

Power: Renewable Power

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Bachelor of Laws, University of Western Australia, 1991

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## Memberships

Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)

Member of the International Bar Association (IBA)

WA Committee member of the Australian Mining and Petroleum Lawyers Association (AMPLA)

Member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)

Committee Member, Japan Festival Inc.

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Advising clients on various time and voyage charter parties, both as charterers and as vessel owners, including BIMCO SupplyTime and TowCon charters.

Advising on offshore seismic acquisition contracts (proprietary and multi-client) and contracts for offshore drilling activities in the north-west of Australia.

Advising an Australian exploration company with acreage offshore Papua New Guinea on a technical services and farm-in option with an E&P supermajor.

Advising a Chinese energy company on the oil & gas aspects of the proposed takeover of a listed Australian E&P company.

Due diligence and legal structuring of a UK-registered charity for the build of a 120-bed women's and children's hospital in northern Iraq as part of an E&P company's community outreach program.

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Australia's Pathway to a Hydrogen Energy Future
- Analysis
  - Recent developments in Australia's oil and gas sector

## Court admissions

Supreme Court of Western Australia

High and Federal Court of Australia

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