

Oil & Gas Capability Statement



We're business lawyers, advising clients around the world. Our base is in London but, like our clients, our reach is global.

We're not just commercially-minded, we're entrepreneurial and results-minded. Our approach is to get deep inside our clients' businesses and the industries in which they work. It's this depth that gives us an extra edge in tailoring the most effective legal and commercial solutions.



We offer a personal, flexible service delivered by entrepreneurial people.

In practice, this means that you will get a personalised service from real people with a genuine interest in your business who are experts in their field and who will actually do the work you ask of them rather than delegate it to an army of anonymous assistants.

Don't just take our word for it...

We are consistently ranked among leading law firms in both Chambers and The Legal 500. The following quotes from these publications say it better than we can:

Clients praised the “consistently good service backed by strong technical ability”, and for being “responsive and providing good value for money”.

“Its advisers are highly sought after and the team’s specialist knowledge of the natural resources and energy sectors is one of its defining features.”

Clients say “You always receive great client service and they’re a responsive, cheerful, enthusiastic bunch to work with.”

The firm and our international capability

Lawrence Graham is a leading international law firm based in London with offices in our key markets. With over 70 partners, 200 solicitors and other strategic consultants, we offer clients legal and business solutions based on practical, commercial and sector focused advice. We are a full service law firm providing expert legal advice across all the legal disciplines in the business arena.

When it comes to understanding different legal systems, we have considerable experience of the different requirements that apply in the world's key jurisdictions. Our main office is in London but, like our clients, a significant proportion of our work is global. Our clients include multinational corporations, international banks, state owned enterprises, private and public companies, hedge funds, investment funds and other financial institutions, as well as wealthy individuals with global investments. We service their full range of business needs across international markets with an emphasis on providing commercial and practical solutions.

We have three international offices: Moscow, Dubai and Monaco and also have very strong links to India (where local bar rules prohibit us from having a local office). Each of our Moscow, Dubai and India teams have significant experience and track records in the energy and natural resources sector.

In addition, we have a network of strong relationships with the best lawyers in key on-shore jurisdictions for our clients – in particular, North America, Europe, the CIS, India, Africa and throughout South-East Asia – and in all the major offshore jurisdictions. These relationships enable us to deliver global business and dispute resolution strategies using the right teams with the most appropriate expertise in each jurisdiction and industry sector.

We have advised clients on energy and natural resources transactions across six continents – Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North and South America – with operations across over 30 countries. We are one of the leading natural resources IPO practices in the UK and have a track record which is second to none in listing natural resources clients on AIM. Lawrence Graham has a long established presence in the UK and international oil & gas industry.

We are able to provide advice and assistance in all areas of corporate law (including complex corporate finance transactions, M&A, joint ventures and private equity) as well as disputes.

About our Oil & Gas team

Our expanding Oil & Gas team comprises a number of partners as well as a complement of senior and junior associates. We pride ourselves on our industry experience, placing as much emphasis on the commercial and practical areas as on complex technical issues.

Our work in the oil & gas sector includes:

- Acquisitions, disposals and assignments of interests, assets and companies
- Takeovers (including reverse takeovers)
- Initial public offerings, secondary offerings and dual listings on the world's major exchanges
- Joint ventures and shareholder agreements
- Private equity and venture capital raising
- Project development
- Debt and project finance
- Commercial agreements relating to exploration, production, processing, off-take, transportation and distribution
- Joint Operating Agreements, farm-in, farm-out, strategic alliances and investments
- Outsourcing and procurement, executive employment and recruitment
- Licences and royalties
- Restructuring, reorganisations and turn-arounds
- Litigation and international arbitration
- Insurance and reinsurance
- Regulatory and anti-bribery



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