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Education

J.D., Yale Law School, 2004

M.Sc., London School of Economics, 2001

B.A., University of Virginia, 2000

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
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Government Service

Law Clerk, Hon. Morris Sheppard Arnold, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit (2004-05)

Experience

Visiting Professor, Handong International Law School

Guest Lecturer, China University of Political Science and Law

Alex Cooke focuses on the development, acquisition and financing of major energy and infrastructure projects across the U.S. and globally. He advises private equity firms, developers and infrastructure funds on complex domestic and cross-border M&A, project development, project and structured finance, and tax monetization transactions across sectors, including renewables, power transmission, oil and gas, and utilities.

Mr. Cooke has advised on a number of high-profile transactions, including:

- NFE Brazil Financing Limited, a subsidiary of New Fortress Energy Inc., in a 4(a)(2) private placement of up to $350 million in senior secured notes to funds managed by Lumina Capital Management
- TransAlta Holdings U.S. Inc. in $175 million of loan facilities provided to Nova Clean Energy, LLC, which is developing wind, solar and battery storage projects
- Pattern Energy in:
  - the debt financing of the $11 billion SunZia 550-mile transmission line and related renewable generation projects
  - the tax equity financing of its 1,050 MW Western Spirit wind generation projects in New Mexico, which was named *IJGlobal*'s North America Renewables – Onshore Wind Deal of the Year
  - the tax equity financing of its 220.5 MW Grady wind generation project and the sale of the Class B interests in the project to Pattern Energy Group Inc. and the Public Sector Pension Investment Board
  - the (i) construction and term financing of its 324 MW Broadview wind generation projects and 35-mile 345 kV Western Interconnect transmission line in New Mexico and Texas, (ii) sale of these projects to Pattern Energy Group Inc. for $269 million, (iii) sale of 49% of the Class B interests in the wind generation projects to the Public Sector Pension Investment Board and (iv) tax equity financing of the wind generation projects. The transmission line financing was named *IJGlobal*'s North America Transmission Deal of the Year
  - the $346 million acquisition of 200 MW Post Rock and 150 MW Lost Creek wind generation projects in Kansas and Missouri from Wind Capital Group
- Shelf Drilling in its $1.05 billion acquisition of shallow water drilling rigs from Transocean Ltd. — which received the highest ranking in the Corporate & Commercial category in the *Financial Times*' U.S. Innovative Lawyers report — and in its subsequent financings, including a $350 million term loan B financing in 2013, a $502.8 million debt-for-debt exchange offer in January 2017, a $225 million corporate revolver arranged by RBC Europe Limited and ING Bank N.V. in June 2018 and various notes offerings totaling $1.54 billion in the aggregate
- InterGen N.V. in its sale of its Mexico business for an enterprise value of $1.26 billion, which included 2.2 GW of combined-cycle gas turbine projects, a 155 MW wind project

with its partner IEnova, three gas compression stations and a 65 km gas pipeline. This transaction was named *IJGlobal*'s Latin American M&A Deal of the Year and *Latin Lawyer*'s Deal of the Year – Private M&A

- Citizens Energy's subsidiaries in $174 million in private placement debt financings of leasehold interests in electric transmission lines in southern California
- Lotus Infrastructure in the debt financing of the 125-mile, 500-kV Ten West Link transmission line connecting Tonopah, Arizona, and Blythe, California
- Luminace in its more than $400 million first-of-its-kind C&I solar asset-backed securitization
- Emera Inc. in its sale of Emera Maine, its regulated electric transmission and distribution company in Maine, to ENMAX Corporation for an enterprise value of $1.3 billion
- NextEra Energy Partners, LP in its $467 million IPO of common units representing limited partner interests
- First Solar, Inc. in the $1.74 billion debt financing (which was partially guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Energy) of the 550 MW Desert Sunlight solar photovoltaic project in California. This was named North American Solar Deal of the Year by *Project Finance*