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Energy and Infrastructure Projects



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Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1998
B.A., Rice University, 1995 (*cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
New York
Texas

Languages

Spanish
Portuguese

For over 20 years, Jorge Kamine has focused his practice on all aspects of international energy and infrastructure projects and transactions with an emphasis on the structuring, financing, acquisition and divestment of energy and infrastructure projects and assets.

Mr. Kamine has broad experience in the energy industry, including considerable experience with renewable energy and other types of power generation projects; midstream projects, such as LNG liquefaction and regasification facilities and oil and gas pipelines; and upstream oil and gas exploration, development and processing facilities. In addition to his experience within the energy sector, Mr. Kamine's non-energy experience includes projects involving roads and transportation, water supply and sanitation, and urban infrastructure.

Over his career, he has worked on matters in over 25 countries throughout the world, including transactions in North and South America, Western Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa, and South and East Asia. Mr. Kamine has significant experience with matters and transactions in Latin America and the Caribbean, including in Argentina, Aruba, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Venezuela. He is recognized by *LatinLawyer 250* and *The Legal 500: Latin America* for his work in the project finance, energy and infrastructure sectors in the region.

Mr. Kamine is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese, and regularly negotiates in those languages.

Project Finance and Other Finance Experience

Mr. Kamine has advised sponsors and lenders in various financing transactions involving energy projects, including complex and innovative project financings, acquisition financings and other types of financings. Mr. Kamine also has represented borrowers and lenders in various types of project and bank financings, including transactions involving multiple project owners.

He has extensive experience advising on multi-sourced financings that typically involve international and national commercial lenders, and multilateral, regional and national development finance institutions or export credit agencies, such as: the International Finance Corporation, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Inter-American Development Bank, U.S. Export-Import Bank, Korea Export-Import Bank, Servizi Assicurativi del Commercio Estero, the Clean Technology Fund, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, the Green Climate Fund, the OPEC Fund for International Development, and others.

Over the past several years, his most notable finance transactions have included representing:

- **Hunt Oil Company of Peru LLC, Sucursal del Perú** in connection with its first Rule 144A offering and sale of \$600 million aggregate principal amount of its 6.375% senior trust enhanced notes due 2028;
- **Sonnedix** in its \$99 million nonrecourse debt project financing of its 150 MW Atacama Solar PV plant in Chile;
- **SunEdison, Inc. and its subsidiaries** in financing various renewable energy projects, including the first solar projects to be project financed in Honduras, and several projects in Chile, including the Javiera project, which was named Latin American Solar Deal of the Year for 2014 by *IJGlobal*;

- **Peru LNG S.R.L.** in the financing of its \$3.8 billion LNG export project in Peru, which was named Latin America Deal of the Year by *Project Finance International*, Latin American Export Finance Deal of the Year by Euromoney's *Project Finance* magazine, Deal of the Year Project Finance by *Latin Lawyer* and the Best Energy Deal of the Year by *LatinFinance*;
- **Bank of America Merrill Lynch** in:
 - a \$1.4 billion loan facility for multiple rooftop solar projects with a loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy for NRG Energy and Prologis' Project Amp, which was named the 2011 Finance Innovation of the Year by *Renewable Energy World*; and
 - a loan facility for SolarCity's SolarStrong project, which involved the installation of more than \$1 billion in solar power installations for privatized U.S. military housing, and was mentioned in the 2012 *Financial Times* U.S. Innovative Lawyers report as one of only two matters in the top tier in the energy category; and
- **Shelf Drilling International Holdings, Ltd.**, a global provider of shallow water drilling services sponsored by Castle Harlan, Inc., CHAMP Private Equity and Lime Rock Partners, in the financing of its \$1.05 billion acquisition of an international fleet of offshore drilling rigs from Transocean Ltd., which received the highest ranking in the Corporate & Commercial category in the *Financial Times*' 2013 U.S. Innovative Lawyers report.

M&A, Joint Ventures and Cross-Border Investments

With respect to mergers and acquisitions, Mr. Kamine has extensive experience representing both buyers and sellers in a wide range of equity and asset sale transactions, including in auction and private sale settings, and acquisitions and divestitures involving distressed and bankrupt companies. He also has broad experience with structuring and negotiating a variety of joint venture, shareholder and investment agreements and other corporate transactions related to the development of energy and infrastructure projects, including advising clients participating in government-sponsored auctions for concessions and offtake contracts, in the structuring of cross-border investments, and in obtaining political risk insurance.

Over the past couple of years, his more notable experience has included representing:

- **Arroyo Energy Group** in its acquisition of operational and development-stage natural gas-fired power projects in Mexico;
- **an international energy company** in its bid to acquire concessions for new gas pipelines in Mexico;
- **First Solar, Inc.** in a range of transactions related to the expansion of its solar energy business;
- **Silver Point Capital, L.P.** in its acquisition and subsequent sale of oil and gas properties off the coast of Southern California, which were originally acquired in a bankruptcy sale; and
- **SunEdison** in numerous M&A transactions, including:
 - the restructuring and sale of approximately 578 MW of operating solar projects and 1,000 MW of solar development assets located in Brazil, Chile, Honduras, Mexico and Uruguay to Actis, which was named Restructuring of the Year for 2017 by *LatinFinance* and Latin America M&A Deal of the Year by *Power Finance & Risk*;
 - the restructuring and sale of wind development assets located in Mexico;
 - the restructuring and sale of its Australian assets and its global residential solar business to Flextronics International Ltd.; and
 - structuring and negotiating first-of-their-kind, warehouse facilities, designed to finance the construction and acquisition of a pipeline of renewable energy projects, including the terms of third-party equity commitments from investment funds.

International Development

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Kamine served as counsel at The World Bank, where he represented World Bank teams in developing, structuring and financing projects in Latin America and the Caribbean undertaken by sovereign and sub-sovereign governments and international and regional organizations. These projects included regional climate change and mitigation projects, water supply, sanitation, transport and urban infrastructure projects, land administration, and macroeconomic and sectoral policy reforms.

Since joining Skadden, Mr. Kamine has been active in numerous *pro bono* matters including advising the following organizations:

- a **bilateral sovereign donor** in structuring, negotiating and administering grants for projects in the health, housing and education sectors in the Republic of Haiti;
- a **D.C.-based NGO** in structuring and administering financing for development and reconstruction projects in Nepal;
- a **D.C.-based NGO** that focuses on commercial legal and regulatory reform in developing markets, particularly in the agricultural sector in sub-Saharan Africa; and
- the **Latin American and Caribbean Council on Renewable Energy** (LAC-CORE), an international organization dedicated to bringing renewable energy and energy efficiency to Latin America and the Caribbean.

Most Recent Presentations

Mr. Kamine has been a frequent speaker and panelist at various conferences and seminars on topics related to energy projects and policies in Latin America and the United States, particularly the financing of renewable energy projects. Some of his most recent presentations have included:

- Panelist, “Opportunities in Latin America,” *Skadden’s 23rd Annual Energy and Infrastructure Projects Conference*, Washington, D.C., May 14, 2019
- Panelist, “Latin America Outlook,” *Skadden’s 22nd Annual Energy and Infrastructure Projects Conference*, Washington, D.C., May 15, 2018
- Panelist, “Latin America Infrastructure: Good Outlook,” *Latinvex*, March 8, 2018
- Panelist, “Latin America Outlook,” *Skadden’s 21st Annual Energy and Infrastructure Projects Conference*, Washington, D.C., May 9, 2017
- Presenter, “Legal, Social and Political developments Throughout Mexico and Latin America,” *Harvard Law School Celebration of Latino Alumni 2017*, Boston, March 3, 2017
- Presenter, “Workshop on the Financing of Solar Projects in Colombia,” *Colombian Chamber of Energy (CCEnergia)*, Bogotá, Colombia, April 25, 2017
- Moderator, “Unlocking Latin America’s Potential in the Solar PV Sector,” *Fifth Annual Latin American and Caribbean Council on Renewable Energy’s (LAC-CORE) Renewable Energy Conference*, Miami, October 3-5, 2016

- Participant, “Financing and Developing International Renewable Energy Projects in Challenging Times,” *Business Intelligence Online Webinar* (June 7, 2016)

Associations, Affiliations and Community Involvement

American Bar Association (Business and International Sections)

American Society of International Law (Corresponding Editor, International Legal Materials)

Council on Foreign Relations (Term Member, 2010-2015)

Harvard Law School Association (President, Washington, D.C. Chapter and Member of Latino Alumni Committee)

Harvard Law & International Development Society (Board of Advisors)

Hispanic National Bar Association

Hispanic Bar Association of D.C. (Former Member of the Board of Directors)

Hispanic Bar Association of Houston (President, 2004-2005, and Former Board Member)

Inter-American Dialogue (Member of Board of Advisors for the *Latin America Energy Advisor*)

Publications

Co-author, “Mexican Energy Sector Restructuring: New Opportunities for Renewables,” *Skadden’s 2017 Insights*, January 30, 2017

Author, “Does Latin America’s Solar Industry Have a Bright Future?” *Latin America Advisor*, May 8, 2015. Printed in Chinese. The article originally was published in Inter-American Dialogue’s weekly *Energy Advisor*

Co-author, “Insights Conversations: International Renewable Energy Projects,” *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, April 28, 2015

Mr. Kamine also is a frequent commentator for the Inter-American Dialogue’s *Latin America Advisor* and *Latin America Energy Advisor* as well as for *Latinvex*, *LatinFinance* and *Latin Lawyer* magazines.