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## Keynote Address and Q&A

9:00 am - 9:30 am

### Keynote Speaker:

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#### **David Brinley, General Counsel - Projects and Technology, Shell International**

David graduated from Brigham Young University Law School and joined Royal Dutch Shell's legal department in 1991. He was initially assigned to Bakersfield, California where he advised the exploration and production business. In 1994, he was transferred to London, UK, where he advised the Shipping and Trading group and became the Shell group senior shipping lawyer. In 1998, he accepted a posting as Senior Counsel with Showa Shell Sekiyu, a publically traded company in Tokyo, of which the Shell Group is a significant shareholder. He was subsequently named as General Counsel. Following five years in Tokyo, David was assigned as the Regional Counsel, Asia Pacific, based in Singapore. In 2005, he was transferred to Calgary, Alberta where he served as the General Counsel to Shell Canada, another publically traded company of which the Shell Group was a significant shareholder. After five years in Calgary, he moved to Houston, TX where he became General Counsel – Upstream Americas and GC for Shell Oil Company. Most recently he was named General Counsel – Projects and Technology in The Hague, Netherlands.



## Across Borders: US, Canada and Mexico Energy Policy Under the Trump, Trudeau and Peña Nieto Administrations

9:30 am - 10:30 am

### Panelists:



#### **Andrew Biar, President, Strategic Public Affairs**

Andrew founded Strategic Public Affairs® in 2000. Drawing on more than a quarter of a century of experience in government, communications/media, business and politics, he and the firm provide lobbying, government relations and communication/media counsel to businesses in key sectors of the economy including oil & gas, midstream, utilities, healthcare, automotive, home building, finance and more. This includes providing project management as well as strategic counsel and consulting work on government relations and communications issues to Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, private corporations and trade associations.

Prior to forming the firm, Andrew worked at a one of the leading statewide business trade associations in Texas, a public affairs/PR firm, for elected officials at the county level as well as the Texas State House and Senate and the Office of Texas Lt. Governor. He is responsible for overseeing the continued advancement of the firm, ensuring professional growth opportunities for the firm's team members, and managing key client relationships.



#### **Carla Gabriela González, Executive Secretary, National Hydrocarbons Commission (CNH)**

Carla Gabriela Gonzalez is an attorney who graduated from *La Escuela Libre de Derecho*. She has worked for more than ten years in the federal public administration. Since 2009 she has been the executive secretary of the National Hydrocarbons Commission and has been in charge of its legal area.

Before CNH, she has served with the Inspectorate General, in the specialized unit for research of money laundering and forgery or alteration of currency, in the Public Policy Unit and the Technical and Criminal Regulation Unit, all of which are administrative units of the Attorney General of the Republic (PGR); she also worked in the Law and Consultation Unit of the Fiscal Attorney (Procuraduría Fiscal) and in the Legal Unit of the National Council for Culture and Arts (Conaculta). She has completed diplomas on Financial Law and Regulation.



#### **Donald Moe, Senior Vice President Markets, MEG Energy**

Mr. Moe is Senior Vice President, Supply and Marketing for MEG Energy Corp. and has been with the organization since 2012. His current role includes the management and execution of all aspects of MEG Energy's commodity acquisitions, distribution, transportation, and processing and product sales.

He has over 40 years of industry experience including over 36 years with BP Canada Energy Company (including predecessor Amoco) in all areas of oil & gas drilling, production, transportation & marketing in both Canada and the USA. This has included oil & gas facilities design, engineering, construction and operations, production and exploratory well site selection, drilling and completions, crude oil marketing and commodity risk management, crude oil pipeline and storage operations and management, Natural Gas Liquids ("NGL") facility operations, and NGL commercial management.

Immediately prior to joining MEG, Mr. Moe was an energy industry consultant from January 2010 through December 2011, and was the Chief Executive Officer of Altex Energy Ltd. from June 2011 until December 2011 during a time when it first began rail transportation of bitumen from Alberta to USA destinations. During his career with BP prior to his retirement at the end of 2009, Mr. Moe has held positions as Vice President of



BP Canada Energy Company and Chairman of the Board of BP Canada Energy Marketing Corp. from 2003 through December 2009, and Manager, North American NGLs for BP America, Inc. from 2004 through March 2009. Mr. Moe has also held positions as Vice President of Central Alberta Midstream Company, as President of Dome Kerrobert Pipeline Ltd., Dome NGL Pipeline Corporation and Dome Petroleum Corp. Mr. Moe also was formerly President of the Alberta Ethane Development Company Ltd. and Cochin Pipe Lines Limited, and Vice President of Rangeland Pipeline Company until each of these pipeline systems was sold by BP in 2004, 2007 and 2004 respectively.

**Moderator:**



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James P. O'Brien chairs the Firm's Global Energy, Mining & Infrastructure Practice Group. He serves as counsel in major project and infrastructure transactions such as power generation and waste recycling facilities. Both on behalf of project sponsors and lenders, Mr. O'Brien has led moving complex projects through development, project financing and operation. He has also been lead counsel on limited recourse project financings, using traditional bank debt, leveraged leases and Rule 144A capital markets issues. And during project development, he has successfully managed complex siting, permitting and transaction issues.



## Update on Mexico Energy Reforms

10:30 am - 10:45 am

### Speaker:



#### **Benjamín Torres-Barrón, Partner, Baker McKenzie Mexico City**

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Benjamín Torres-Barrón leads Baker McKenzie's Energy, Mining & Infrastructure Practice Group in Mexico. Mr. Torres-Barrón is listed as a recommended lawyer by Who's Who Legal for oil, gas, and project finance in Mexico and was named by Chambers Latin America as one of the country's leading lawyers in the energy and natural resources practice. For several years, he has been acknowledged by the magazine *Petróleo & Energía* as one of the 100 leaders in Mexico's energy industry. He leads the Electricity, Natural Gas and Renewable Energy Subcommittee of the American Chamber in Mexico and participates in the Editorial Board for Energy matters for the *Reforma* newspaper and *Petróleo & Energía*.

Mr. Torres handles all legal matters related to the development of real estate, mining, infrastructure and major projects. He advises clients on the development of projects relating to electricity, oil, gas, fuels, water, waste, LPG, LNG, biofuels, energy efficiency and public bids called by Pemex, the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE), the National Center for Energy Control (CENACE), the National Hydrocarbon Commission (CNH) and other Mexican government agencies. Mr. Torres also represents clients before the regulatory authorities and agencies in matters regarding permitting for energy projects, and advises clients on maritime and navigation matters, due diligence, contracts and financing, as well as regulatory issues.



## Commercial Activity in Oil & Gas

11:00 am - 11:45 am

### Panelists:



#### **Brandy Copley, Managing Director and Counsel, GE Energy Financial Services**

Brandy is Managing Director & Counsel for GE Energy Financial Services. She represents GE in equity investments, M&A, and project financings for energy assets in the upstream and midstream sectors in the US and Latin America. Brandy serves as a local hub leader for the GE Women's Network, and has been a mentor and Board Member of the Women's Energy Network of Houston for many years. She was named a Texas Lawyer Top Women in Energy in 2016, a Houston's Best Corporate Counsel in 2013, and has been named a Super Lawyer multiple times. Brandy also serves on GE's Diversity and Inclusion Council and regularly volunteers her time as pro bono counsel to foster children in the custody of Child Protective Services.



#### **Michael Rasmuson, Vice President Legal - Global Operations, Baker Hughes**

Michael joined Baker Hughes in 2002 and currently holds the position of Vice President Legal - Global Operations. Michael is qualified in multiple jurisdictions and leads the Global Operations legal team, an integral member of the Global Operations Leadership Team and advisor to the President of Global Operations. Michael has over 20 years of experience and extensive background in international operations, compliance, ABC, investigations, litigation and dispute resolution. Prior to joining Baker Hughes, Michael was in private practice advising oil and gas clients in Canada and the UK.



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Mona Dajani is a partner in the New York and Chicago offices of Baker McKenzie and is an elected member of the Steering Committee for the Banking and Finance Group. She has served for more than 20 years as the lead lawyer in complex acquisition, financing and development transactions involving energy and infrastructure facilities in the United States and around the world. She focuses her global practice on tax equity, project finance, corporate finance, mergers & acquisitions, portfolio acquisitions, construction and/or restructuring for government and private clients involving energy companies. She has extensive knowledge with respect to syndicated loan and debt capital markets transactions, syndicated commercial bank debt, commercial paper programs, export credit agencies and other government guaranteed financing and risk insurance programs; the development, financing, sale, and acquisition of domestic and international energy projects; and arranging capital for new and established energy companies. She has represented a wide variety of commercial and public institutions, developers, utilities, energy and clean technology companies, private equity funds, investment banks, commercial banks, and multilateral agencies in transactions throughout North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, India and the Middle East.



#### **Danielle Valois, Partner, Trench, Rossi e Watanabe Rio de Janeiro**

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For the past 15 years, Mrs. Valois has built a law practice focused on oil and gas domestic and multi-jurisdictional projects. Her oil and gas experience extends to all legal aspects involved in development projects, including the structuring of financial arrangements, drafting and negotiation of EPC and Operation and Maintenance Agreements, as well as representation of clients in construction disputes. Mrs. Valois also has vast experience in representing NOCs, IOCs and oil and gas services providers in M&A deals and on compliance matters.





**Moderator:**



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Denmon Sigler, a partner in Baker & McKenzie's Houston office, has over 17 years of experience advising energy-focused clients in mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, and project development. Ms. Sigler works with upstream and midstream oil and gas clients in transactions involving the ownership, development and operation of conventional and unconventional and onshore and offshore resources and infrastructure assets in the U.S. and internationally. She also has extensive experience representing downstream refining, chemical and petrochemical clients in complex, frequently cross-border, transactions involving the purchase and sale of companies and business units, and formation and governance of joint ventures, and project development. Ms. Sigler has been recognized for her energy transaction work by *Chambers USA*, *Nationwide*, *Energy: Oil and Gas (Transactional)*, *Legal 500 United States*, *The International Who's Who of Energy Lawyers*, and *Houston Business Journal's Who's Who in Energy*, among others.





## Navigating the Changing Tax Landscape

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

### Panelists:

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**Emily Whittenburg, Senior Tax Advisor - Tax Policy & Government Relations, Shell Oil Company**

In her current role for Shell, Emily is responsible for U.S. state and federal tax policy and legislative matters. She is involved in both U.S. and global tax policy matters and helps design and lead the strategy to influence the legislative process and to educate decision makers on tax issues important to Shell. Prior to joining Shell, Emily served as Tax Counsel for Waste Management, Inc. providing support for mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions. Before moving to an in-house Tax role, Emily practiced corporate and transactional law in a law firm for several years. Her practice included representing clients in general corporate matters, financial transactions, commercial real estate and other transaction-based deals. Emily also spent seven years with the public accounting firms of Andersen and Ernst & Young serving clients as a Tax Manager.

Emily is active in a number of taxpayer associations, including holding Board seats on the Texas Taxpayers & Research Association and the California Taxpayers Association. She also serves on the Tax Committee of several industry trade associations on behalf of Shell. Emily is currently serving as the Tax Executives Institute Region 7 Vice President overseeing the activities of eight chapters. Emily has an A.B. degree in Economics and a Certificate in Political Economy from Princeton University as well as a J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.



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Kabir Duggal is a senior associate in Baker McKenzie's International Arbitration Practice Group in New York focusing on international investment arbitration, international commercial arbitration and public international law matters. Kabir's experience includes complex disputes under numerous bilateral/multilateral investment treaties and contracts in South Asia, Latin America, Central Asia, Middle East, Europe and Africa. The total value of the disputes he has been involved in exceeds 80 billion dollars largely in the Oil and Gas sector. He has facilitated the mediation and negotiation of complex disputes. He also acts as a Consultant for the United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS). He is a Lecturer-in-Law at the Columbia Law School, teaching "International Investment Law and Arbitration" and Managing Editor for "The American Review of International Arbitration."



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Maria Fernanda Furtado is recognized as a leading practitioner in the Brazilian tax field by Chambers Latin America, which praises her for the oil and gas talents and describes Maria as "lawyer of the highest calibre, who takes a personal interest in all the tax-related matters of her clients." She is active in the many areas within the tax field, tax advising in M&A transactions, indirect and local taxes, taxation of international trade, transfer pricing and international tax treaties. She has also been involved in relevant energy projects in Brazil.



**Moderator:**



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Alexandra Minkovich is a counsel in the North America Tax Practice Group in Baker McKenzie's Washington, DC office, where her practice is focused on tax controversy and tax policy. She most recently served as Associate Tax Legislative Counsel with the US Department of Treasury, Office of Tax Policy. In that role, Ms. Minkovich advised the Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy) and General Counsel regarding tax policy considerations in regulations and Internal Revenue Bulletin guidance, advised on tax legislative proposals, and provided litigation advice regarding the validity of Treasury and IRS guidance. Currently, Ms. Minkovich advises clients (including those in the oil and gas industry) on regulatory and legislative matters, including developing strategy.



## Antitrust Policy in a Changing World

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

### Panelists:



#### **Michelle Wyant, Managing Counsel Competition, Legal, BHP Billiton**

Michelle Wyant recently joined BHP Billiton as Managing Counsel Competition. Prior to BHP Billiton, she was an attorney in the Mergers III Division of the Federal Trade Commission where she investigated proposed acquisitions and anticompetitive conduct in the oil and gas industry, among others. Before her time in the federal government, she served as a law clerk to the Hon. John P. Miller in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.



#### **Mark Hamer, Partner, Baker McKenzie Washington, DC**

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Mark H. Hamer is a Litigation & Government Enforcement partner in Washington, DC, and is the Chair of the North America Antitrust and Competition Practice Group. He has 25 years of wide-ranging litigation experience, including first-chair roles in jury trials, bench trials and arbitrations. His primary focus is antitrust litigation.

Before joining Baker McKenzie, Mark was a successful federal prosecutor at the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice. He was involved in some of DOJ's highest-profile antitrust trials. Prior to joining DOJ, Mark was a partner at another global law firm where he handled complex multi-district antitrust class actions in courts across the nation.



#### **Paul Johnson, Of Counsel, Baker McKenzie Brussels**

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Paul Johnson is an of counsel in Baker McKenzie Brussels' European & Competition Law Practice. He is an English qualified solicitor and has been practicing in Brussels and the UK for over 10 years. Paul has represented clients on numerous high-profile cases before the European Commission and national competition authorities and regulators around the world. Paul has significant experience advising on EU and national merger control laws in the energy sector - including extensive guidance on the creation and efficient structuring of newly created joint ventures. Paul has also advised a number of the world's leading energy companies on cooperation agreements and distribution agreements in the LNG sector.

### Moderator:



#### **Luis Gomez, Partner, Baker McKenzie London**

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Luis Gomez serves as partner in the London office's EC, Competition & Trade Department and member of the Energy, Chemicals, Mining & Infrastructure Industry Group. Luis chairs the EMEA Competition Group at Baker McKenzie. He advises on general competition and merger control law at both the EC and UK levels, as well as varied competition issues in the oil and gas, mining, chemicals and infrastructure sectors. Luis is co-author of "State Measures and Public Bodies" in PLC's EC and UK Competition Law Practice Manuals. He joined Baker McKenzie in 1994 and became a partner in 2003.



## Operating Within the Rules: Sanctions

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm

### Panelists:

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#### **Elizabeth O'Bagy, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator John McCain**

Elizabeth O'Bagy is the senior foreign policy Legislative Assistant to Senator John McCain (R-AZ). She covers foreign affairs, international trade, and defense and security policy. Prior to joining the Office of Senator McCain, Elizabeth worked as a Senior Analyst at the Institute for the Study of War covering the conflict in Syria. She also served as a subcontractor for USAID in Syria, where she delivered medical and food aid and implemented transitional justice and governance programs with the Syrian Emergency Task Force. Elizabeth holds a Masters of Arts in Arab Studies from Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and received her undergraduate degree in Arabic Language from Georgetown University. She has lived in Tangier, Morocco and Cairo, Egypt and conducted field research in Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Egypt.



#### **Natalia Shehadeh, Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer, Weatherford**

Natalia G. Shehadeh is the Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer for Weatherford. In this role she leads a global team of lawyers, forensic accountants and compliance professionals responsible for daily ethics, anticorruption, antitrust, import, export, trade sanctions and boycott compliance in support of Weatherford's global oil field service operations. She joined Weatherford in August 2009 as Senior Counsel and Director of Trade Compliance from Shell Oil Company where she was Senior Counsel for Export Controls and Sanctions Compliance. Prior to joining Shell in June 2007, Natalia was Counsel with the Washington D.C. office of the law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP where she advised domestic and multinational clients on export controls, trade sanctions, antiboycott and anticorruption compliance matters.



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Kerry Contini is Of Counsel in the Firm's Outbound Trade Practice Group in Washington, DC. She has written on export controls and trade sanctions issues for several publications, including *The Export Practitioner* and *Ethisphere*. Ms. Contini is a co-chair of the Export Controls and Sanctions Section of the Association of Women in International Trade. She has been with the Firm since she joined as a summer associate in 2005.

Ms. Contini focuses her practice on export controls, trade sanctions, and anti-boycott laws. This includes advising US and multinational companies on trade compliance programs, risk assessments, licensing, review of proposed transactions and enforcement matters. Ms. Contini works regularly with companies across a wide range of industries, including the pharmaceutical/medical device, oil and gas, and nuclear sectors.

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Ben Smith joined Baker McKenzie London in 2007 and is a Senior Associate in the International Trade and Antitrust teams. He is currently on secondment to the Baker McKenzie San Francisco/Palo Alto offices. Ben's work focusses on EU and UK export control and sanctions law, as well as anti-bribery and corruption and antitrust. He recently spent a year on secondment to Shell, acting as lead EU/UK sanctions and export controls counsel, and previously worked in the British Airways legal team. Ben advises clients in a number of sectors, with particular focus on energy and energy services, IT/communications, financial services, defence, transport, and FMCG. Ben has significant experience in advising and assisting with risk assessments, compliance programmes, investigations, licence applications, export control classification, and voluntary disclosures.

**Moderator:**



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Ross Denton is a partner in the Firm's European Community, Competition & Trade Department in London and member of the Baker McKenzie Japanese Practice Group. He also served as coordinator of the Firm's International Trade & WTO Practice Group. Ross routinely advises US and Japanese multinationals on EU and UK competition matters and international trade law issues. In addition to his practice, Ross contributes to a number of publications, including Laws of the European Communities and Encyclopedia of Information Technology. He is a member of the UK Customs Practitioners Group and the World Trade Lawyers Association.



## Driving Business Through Digital Strategy

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

### Speaker:



#### **Samuel Kramer, Partner, Baker McKenzie Chicago**

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Sam Kramer is a partner in Baker McKenzie's Privacy & Technology practice based in Chicago. Mr. Kramer's practice focuses on outsourcing, complex technology licensing, commercial contracting, and supply chain agreements. He regularly acts for financial services and pharmaceutical companies in IT and business process outsourcing transactions and large scale IT procurement. Mr. Kramer is a frequent speaker on technology and outsourcing issues. He is an adjunct faculty member at the John Marshall Law School where he has taught Cyberspace Law in the Information Technology LLM Program. He is recognized by Chambers Global, Chambers USA, the Legal 500 USA and Who's Who Legal as a leading lawyer in technology and outsourcing. Mr. Kramer is a member of the Firm's Global FinTech and Communication and Mobility Steering Committees.



## Dispute Resolution in the Trump Era

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

### Panelists:



#### **David Morris, Senior Counsel - Head of U.S. Litigation, Weatherford**

David Morris is Senior Counsel – Head of U.S. Litigation for Weatherford International plc. In his role, David is responsible for managing all litigation matters related to Weatherford's operations in the United States, and he assists with all intellectual property litigation and with international disputes. David also provides day-to-day legal support for the business and operations groups, including counseling on how to prepare for or avoid litigation, and drafting terms for dispute resolution. Prior to joining Weatherford in 2015, David was a partner in the trial section of Bracewell in Houston where he focused on commercial and intellectual property litigation.



#### **Sensimone Britt Williams, Counsel, Global Lubricants Business, Exxon Mobil Corporation**

Sensimone Britt Williams is Counsel for the Global Lubricants Business at Exxon Mobil Corporation. Ms. Williams serves as the legal coordinator for the worldwide lubricants business, with responsibility for legal matters including joint ventures, divestitures, contracting, legal compliance and training, dispute prevention and resolution, global policies and procedures. Ms. Williams is the Co-Chair of the Law Department's Inclusion and Diversity Committee and the Co-Chair of the Pro Bono, Not for Profit Sub-Committee. Prior to joining Exxon Mobil Corporation, Ms. Williams served as the Legal Director for Latin America Operations of Schering-Plough Corporation. Ms. Williams holds a B.A. in Latin American Studies with a concentration in Government from Harvard-Radcliffe, Cambridge, MA. She also earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA. Ms. Williams is fluent in English and Spanish.



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Grant Hanessian is a partner in the New York office of Baker McKenzie and chair of the firm's International Arbitration Group in North America. He chaired the Litigation Department of the firm's New York office from 2003 to 2012 and the firm's global International Arbitration practice from 2009 to 2015. Mr. Hanessian has 30 years' experience as counsel and, more recently arbitrator, in disputes concerning investment, energy (oil & gas upstream and downstream, nuclear, renewable), construction, financial services, insurance, intellectual property and other matters.

Mr. Hanessian is chairman of ICC-USA (US national committee of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris); alternate US member of the ICC Court; US vice chair of the London Court of International Arbitration's North American Users Council, and a member of the ICC's Commission on Arbitration and its Task Forces on Arbitration Involving States or State Entities and on Financial Institutions and International Arbitration (leader of Investment Arbitration and Banking & Finance work stream), the American Arbitration Association–International Centre for Dispute Resolution's International Advisory Committee and its Advisory Committee on Brazil, the International Arbitration Club of New York, the Arbitration Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, the New York City Bar Association's Committee on International Commercial Disputes and Club Español del Arbitraje, and is a founding board member of the New York International Arbitration Center.





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Andy Moody is a partner in the Firm's Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration practices in London. He joined Baker McKenzie from another leading international firm in January 2016. Andy has extensive experience in international arbitration, mediation, expert determination and complex litigation both before the English Court and abroad. He is also a solicitor advocate and regularly sits as arbitrator. Andy is recognised as a leading individual by Legal 500 and Chambers.

Andy focuses his practice on international commercial and investment treaty arbitration as well as in complex, often multijurisdictional litigation. The majority of his work is cross-border and for clients in the energy, financial services, aviation, diversified industrials, and telecommunications sectors. Andy has advised on many disputes in Eastern and Western Europe, the CIS, the Middle East and Asia. He has acted as adviser and advocate in many international arbitrations under the rules of the major arbitral institutions. Andy has also regularly helped clients to obtain injunctive relief from the court in support of international arbitrations.

**Moderator:**



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Kerry Blair is a seasoned trial lawyer whose cases have involved the successful representation of clients across the energy industry in disputes alleging damages in the billions of dollars. He has represented international and state owned oil and gas companies, multinational chemical companies, large banks and borrowers, telecommunications companies and public universities. Kerry also has represented domestic and international accounting and law firms involved in oil & gas litigation issues.

Mr. Blair leads the Firm's energy litigation practice in North America and has been named a Texas Super Lawyer by Thompson-Reuters each year from 2005-2017. Kerry was also selected as a 2017 BTI Client Service All-Star, identified exclusively by corporate counsel as one who "stands out as absolutely best at client service. Not just great - but head and shoulders above the rest as defined solely by clients." He has served as Houston Managing Partner and as the North American representative to the Firm's global ethics and practice committee.



## Evolving Challenges to Oil & Gas Projects Around the World

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

### Panelists:



#### **Charles Di Leva, Former Chief Counsel, World Bank**

Charles E. Di Leva is the former Chief Counsel of the Environmental and International Law Practice Group in the World Bank Legal Vice-Presidency and Legal Advisor to the Climate Change Solutions Area and the Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice Group. He retired in December 2016 after 25 years of service. He most recently led the Bank's legal work on the revision of its environmental and social safeguards, provided legal advice to the Bank on the Paris Agreement and related climate finance issues, and led negotiations related to the Green Climate Fund. Throughout his career, Mr. Di Leva has worked on Bank projects in all regions, focusing on environmental and social issues in complex and high-risk settings. He has also represented the Bank Senior Management in activities and investigations carried out by the Bank's Independent Inspection Panel.

Previously, Mr. Di Leva served as Director of the Environmental Law Center at IUCN (formerly known as the World Conservation Union) in Bonn, Germany, and as Senior Program Officer with the Environmental Law Unit for the United Nations Environment Program in Nairobi, Kenya. Mr. Di Leva also served as Trial Attorney for four years with the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and for five years with the State of Rhode Island as Legal Counsel in the Department of Environmental Management. He also served as Environmental Advocate in the Attorney General's office. Mr. Di Leva worked for three years in private environmental law practice in Washington D.C., representing clients for environmental counselling and complex litigation.

Mr. Di Leva is an adjunct professor at American University's Washington College of Law where he teaches coursework on Project Finance and the Environment and International Financial Institutions and International Law. He also teaches at George Washington University's School of Law in the field of International Trade and Sustainable Development.



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Renata Campetti Amaral has been chosen by the Award Law Review (Prêmio Análise Advocacia) and several other awards (Chambers, Legal 500, Client Choice) as one of the most respected lawyers in the area of Environmental Law in Brazil. She is partner of the Environmental and Consumer Law Group and member of the Global Climate Change Group at Baker McKenzie. She is a professor at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul - UFRGS and UNISINOS. She is also a Counselor of Environmental Matters at FIERGS - Federation of Industries of the State of Rio Grande do Sul and lecturer in several Environmental Law Seminars. Her practice embraces issues related to Environment, Consumer Protection and Climate Change.



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Federico Ruanova-Guinea is Coordinator of the Environmental and Natural Resources Practice Group in Mexico. He started with Baker McKenzie in 1988. Mr. Ruanova obtained his law degree from Universidad Autónoma de Baja California in 1987. His areas of expertise include environmental impact and risk permitting; land use and zoning; air emissions; water and wastewater; natural resources protection; hazardous and non-hazardous substance handling and disposal; environmental remediation; climate law; occupational health and safety; and litigation.



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Douglas B. Sanders leads the Firm's US environmental litigation practice. He represents clients in federal, state and administrative courts in environmental class action and mass tort litigation, government enforcement and permitting proceedings, as well as criminal proceedings. Mr. Sanders also advises clients on the environmental, health and safety aspects of acquisitions, divestments and joint ventures, including diligence matters, identification of risks and liabilities, drafting contracts that help mitigate environmental risk and liability exposure and guiding clients through the permitting process. Mr. Sanders provides companies on-going counseling with respect to compliance with CERCLA, RCRA, TSCA, OSHA and state environmental and product regulations.

**Moderator:**



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