

Hogan Lovells Adds Partner Kevin Keenan to Houston Office

Hogan Lovells announced that Kevin Keenan has joined the firm's Houston office as a partner in the Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects practice.

"We are delighted that Kevin has joined us" said Philip Robb, Global head of the firm's Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects practice. "He has a strong background and global experience, and already works with many of our existing energy clients. Kevin gives our practice the additional strength to expand our client services in the energy space in general, and in LNG in particular. "

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Keenan was a partner at Baker Botts, where he served as Deputy Department Head of Global Projects in Houston. He has built a global practice in the energy infrastructure and transportation sectors, with a focus on LNG project development and shipping.

"I look forward to leveraging Hogan Lovells' robust global platform to better serve my clients and, in so doing, not only expand my practice but help further grow the practices of my new partners and help augment what is already a tremendous energy and infrastructure group at Hogan Lovells," said Keenan. "I assist clients around the world with cross-border transactions and the value of this platform, driven not only by its breadth but also by the talent that Hogan Lovells deploys within it, cannot be overstated. I'm delighted to be a part of it."

In a release, the firm said Keenan's clients range from large integrated oil and gas companies to joint ventures, state-owned companies, private equity funds and project start-ups.

He has experience in the LNG project development space, having negotiated dozens of LNG sale and purchase agreements, terminal use agreements, master sales agreements, capacity swaps, port liability agreements and various other instruments needed to get an LNG project off the ground.

The release said he also has experience in commercial shipping, primarily as it relates to transporting LNG but also involving crude oil, coal and other commodities. Over the past 15 years he has negotiated more than 75 charters (time, voyage and bareboat) for LNG tankers, oil tankers, coal barges, FPSOs and FSRUs and more than 60 shipbuilding contracts and vessel modification contracts for the same types of vessels, primarily with shipyards in South Korea, Japan, China, the Middle East and Europe.

Keenan has also assisted clients with a number of refinery projects, including expansions at several refineries along the US Gulf Coast, an expansion in Aruba, and a new build modular refinery in Asia.

“Kevin will be a great addition to the Houston office as we continue to add depth and breadth to our transactional, intellectual property, and litigation practices focused on serving energy industry clients here and around the world,” said Bruce Oakley, Managing Partner of the Houston Office.

Keenan earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. from Idaho State University. He is admitted to practice in Texas.