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Areas of Practice

Renewable Energy, including due diligence review of bid submissions in respect of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme, advising in respect of corporate structures for renewable energy projects, advising in respect of the project finance element of renewable energy projects, advising in respect of captive co-generation projects, advising in respect of power purchase agreements

Mergers and acquisition

General corporate commercial

Project Financing

Qualifications

LLB (cum laude), University of Pretoria, 2008

African School for International Financial Law, 2013 (short course)

Career

Patrick is a commercial and project finance attorney based in Johannesburg. Patrick served his articles at and spent the majority of his legal career at Werksmans Attorneys, a firm to which he still has strong ties. He subsequently joined the Project Finance team at Norton Rose Fulbright and in 2015 founded Young Earth Attorneys, pursuing his vision of a niche legal practice which assists its client in the drive towards an inclusive and diverse economy that focus on sustainable growth and development, both environmentally and economical while being a responsible corporate citizen.

He specializes in renewable energy projects, co-generation projects, mergers and acquisitions, general commercial contracts and project finance. He has substantial experience in corporate contracts, renewable energy projects, co-generation projects and project finance and has been involved in major transactions in this field for seven years. He has represented a number of significant international clients in the South African renewable energy independent power producer procurement (REIPPP) program in the acquisitions of energy projects in the secondary market.

He has been listed as an invaluable advisor in the IFLR, 2013.

Representative Experience –

- Advises Glencore Operations South Africa on an ongoing basis in respect of various construction contracts, service and supply agreements, co-generation and other energy efficiency projects.
- Advises XKM Financial Advisory Services on an ongoing basis in respect of various commercial acquisitions and general corporate commercial matters.
- Advises AMDA Developments on an ongoing basis in respect of various commercial acquisitions and general corporate commercial matters.
- Advises Economic Development Solutions on an ongoing basis in respect of various general corporate commercial matters.
- Advised SunEdison on their internal restructure and acquisition of three South African renewable energy power stations as part of the establishment of TerraForm Global's portfolio prior to their listing on the Nasdaq. Patrick acted as the senior associate the lead South African counsel for SunEdison and advised on the South Africa aspects related to the listing.
- Advised SunEdison in respect of the submission approximately 23 solar photovoltaic bids into the REIPPP programme.
- Advised SunEdison on numerous energy projects with a combined value in excess of ZAR5 billion.
- Advised Canadian Solar in respect of the submission of 3 solar photovoltaic bids into the REIPPP programme.
- Advised FRV Energy South Africa in respect of the submission of 3 solar photovoltaic bids into the REIPPP programme.
- Advising Sappi Southern Africa on one of the first biomass projects to be bid into the REIPPP programme.
- Advised the Jidong Development Group (China's second largest cement maker) and the China Africa Development Fund on an infrastructure project valued at US\$220 million.
- Advised Glencore Operations South Africa in respect of a pilot project for novel technology for the conversion of furnace off gases to fuel oils.