

WFW EXPANDS OIL & GAS OFFERING WITH KEY PARTNER HIRE

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International law firm Watson Farley & Williams' ("WFW") is set to boost its growing oil & gas sector offering with the hire of Partner Colin Graham, who joins the firm from the London office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. Colin, who qualified as a solicitor at Herbert Smith LLP, has 18 years' experience advising on complex, cross-border matters in the energy and power sectors.

In the energy sphere, which forms the basis of his practice, Colin focusses primarily on M&A transactions and project development in the upstream oil & gas sector. Colin has particular expertise in the gas sector having advised on major gas pipeline projects, across the LNG value chain and on the development of gas-to-power projects.

Colin's practice is truly international, encompassing Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and both North and South America.

WFW Global Head of Energy & Infrastructure, Evan Stergoulis said: "WFW is committed to expanding its oil & gas capabilities and Colin's arrival demonstrates our ongoing success in doing so through attracting top talent to the firm".

WFW Global Head of Oil & Gas, John Conlin added: "Colin has an excellent reputation advising on oil & gas transactions across the full value chain and he is a fantastic addition to our team. His recent experience in West Africa, Eastern and Central Europe and the Middle East is highly relevant to our practice, with the last especially so given WFW's established and well-regarded Iran initiative".

Colin said: "Given my expertise and experience, an energy sector specialist firm such as WFW with a growing oil & gas practice offers an ideal platform for me to harness the strong synergies with my existing practice to strengthen and expand the service I can offer to clients".

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