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Summary

Michael is a Senior Associate in the firm's Energy & Infrastructure group in London.

He trained at Watson Farley & Williams in 2011 and qualified as a solicitor in 2013. He specialises in banking and finance transactions, acting for and advising sponsors and lenders on their loan and security documentation. Since joining Watson Farley & Williams, Michael has worked in the firm's London and Greek offices and has also been seconded to a commercial bank.

Experience

Michael's experience includes advising:

- Canadian Solar on its sale of a 142 MW solar PV portfolio with an enterprise value of c. £191.2m to Greencoat Solar Assets II Ltd, a fund managed by Greencoat Capital.
- Institutional investors on a £1.3bn investment-grade bond in relation to the acquisition by leading Danish pension funds PKA and PFA of a 50% stake in 659 MW Walney Extension offshore wind farm from Ørsted (formerly DONG Energy). The deal is valued at £2bn, of which £1.3bn is being funded through the issuance of the bond.
- Royal Bank of Scotland Plc in the provision of a post-construction refinancing for a portfolio of 16 solar projects.
- Investec Bank Plc on the provision of an acquisition financing loan to Ingenious Clean Energy for the purchase of two solar project companies.
- KGAL, the purchaser on the share purchase agreement for a post-construction UK solar project.
- Solaria Energia y Medio Ambiente, the seller on the share purchase agreement for a pre-construction UK solar project.
- Solaria Energia y Medio Ambiente, the seller on the asset purchase agreement for a pre-construction UK solar project.
- Venn Partners LLP, the lender in the provision of both pre- and post-construction financing for a portfolio of five solar projects.

Education

- 2010-2011: BPP, London LPC Distinction
- 2009-2010: BPP, London GDL Distinction
- 2006-2009: Durham University BA (Hons)