



Simon Ratledge

Position Partner

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Sectors Energy & Power, Infrastructure, Transportation & Logistics

Practices Project Development & PPP, Project Finance

Presentation

Simon Ratledge is dual-qualified at the Paris Bar and as a Solicitor (England & Wales). Simon is a bilingual practitioner whose practice is focused on major power, energy/natural resources and infrastructure projects and financings across the African continent.

Over nearly 25 years, Simon has represented project finance clients, including major European, African, Asian and International development banks, commercial lenders and sponsor groups in the power/renewables, mining, petrochemicals, oil and gas and transport/social infrastructure sectors.

Simon has been highly ranked for international projects, African projects and project finance from France in all major legal directories (*Chambers Global*, *Chambers Europe*, *IFLR*, *Legal 500*, *Who's Who Legal*) over the past decade. He has also been ranked among the top 100 most influential lawyers in Africa published by *Africa Business Plus (Jeune Afrique)* and nominated "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers* (2019) for Energy & Infrastructure work in Paris.

Selected Experience:

- Advising **the developers** to a major urban transport system project in Central Africa.
- Advising **AfDB**, **BADEA**, **BOAD** and **OPEC Fund** with respect to the financing of a 120 MW dual fuel Power Plant in Senegal (Malicounda Project).
- Advising **AfDB** and **EAIF** with respect to the Essor solar-based mini-grid program in DRC.
- Advising **Facility for Energy Inclusion's Off-Grid Energy Access Fund (OGEF)** in relation with a loan to BBOX DRC to finance its solar home systems business in DRC.
- Advising **Globeleq** and **IPS West Africa** on the 250MW "Phase IV" expansion of the Azito gas fired IPP in Côte d'Ivoire.
- Advising **EDF** on the Biovéa 46MW biomass power Concession located in Côte d'Ivoire.

Previous Experience

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Energy & Infrastructure Group | Partner | 2016 – 2019

Simmons & Simmons LLP

Energy & Infrastructure Group | Partner | 2012 – 2016

Linklaters LLP

Energy & Infrastructure Group | Trainee Solicitor, Associate, Managing Associate, Partner | 1994 – 2012

Education

College of Law, London

Legal Practice Course (LPC) | 1994

Common Professional Examination (CPE) | 1993

King's College, University of London

BA (Combined Honours) | 1992

Admissions

Law Society (England & Wales)

Paris Bar Association