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Sector Energy & Power

Practices Project Development & PPP, Project Finance

Presentation

Yacouba focuses on project finance.

His practice covers a wide range of sectors, including roads, railways, airports and ports, agriculture, renewables, conventional power and oil & gas, as well as energy & infrastructure.

With more than 22 years of experience, Yacouba has represented project finance clients, including major African and International development banks, commercial lenders and sponsor groups.

Selected experience:

- Advising the **Agence Française de Développement (AFD)** on the analysis of Ordinance No. 2024-368, dated June 12, 2024, regarding the organization of civil society in Côte d'Ivoire. Comprehensive review of legal provisions and impact assessment.
- Advising **DYVA GROUP** in connection with the development, construction and operation of an all-inclusive holiday village in the town of Dabou in Côte d'Ivoire, and in particular legal assistance in all phases of the project up to the commissioning phase of the project.
- Advising **Saranour Solaire** for the development and financing of a photovoltaic power plant in Côte d'Ivoire.
- Advised **Finance in Motion** in connection with the financing in senior debt without provision of security or guarantee by the SANAD fund for the benefit of the company NSIA Banque CI.

Previous Experience

Orrick RCI

Energy & Infrastructure Group | Partner | 2018 – 2019

Banque Africaine d'Import-Export (Afreximbank)

Structured financing of projects and trade | Senior manager | 2008 – 2018

Hogan Lovells (Paris Office)

Business law | Associate | 2001 – 2007

Klein Goggard Associates (Paris Office)

Business law | Associate | 1997 – 2001

Klein Goggard Associates (Abidjan Office)

Business law | Associate | 1995 – 1997

Hamza Attea Law firm (Abidjan Office)

Business law | Associate | 1994 – 1995

Education

Université de Paris XI – Paris-Sud

Post Graduate Degree in International & European Law | 1999

Université d'Abidjan

Master's Degree in Law | 1990

Admissions

National Chamber of Legal Counsels in Côte d'Ivoire | 2018

Abidjan Bar Association | 1994

Paris Bar Association | 2001