



If you are a business operating in the energy sector you need corporate lawyer James Bryce in your corner

How can we help you?

Under increasing competitive pressure, companies and entrepreneurs within the sector are seeking innovative and practical advice.

James can recommend how best to navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by such a dynamic market.

Our team becomes your team. However, the starting point is always the same. You at the centre and Square One Law in your corner.



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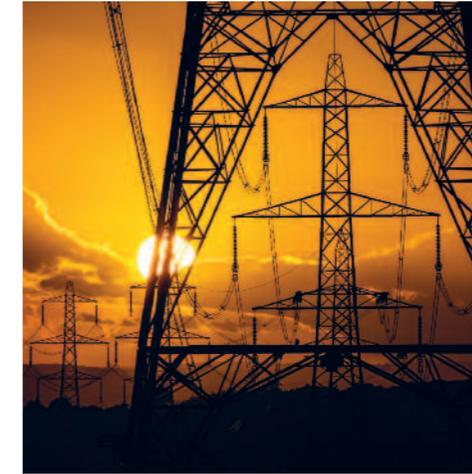


Energy

Introduction

The Energy industry continues to evolve at a rapid pace to meet continued rising energy demand, the threat of security to supply and a changing regulatory market. The roles of power generation, transmission and related services are crucial in providing competitive solutions to industry and consumers.

The challenges presented by continued volatility in the oil price, uncertainty following the vote to leave the European Union and changes in the renewables regime, mean that the supply chain needs to keep reinventing itself to keep ahead of such a dynamic market.



At Square One Law we recognise that this fast evolving sector is under intense competitive pressure and that companies and entrepreneurs within it are seeking ever more innovative and practical advice from their lawyers.



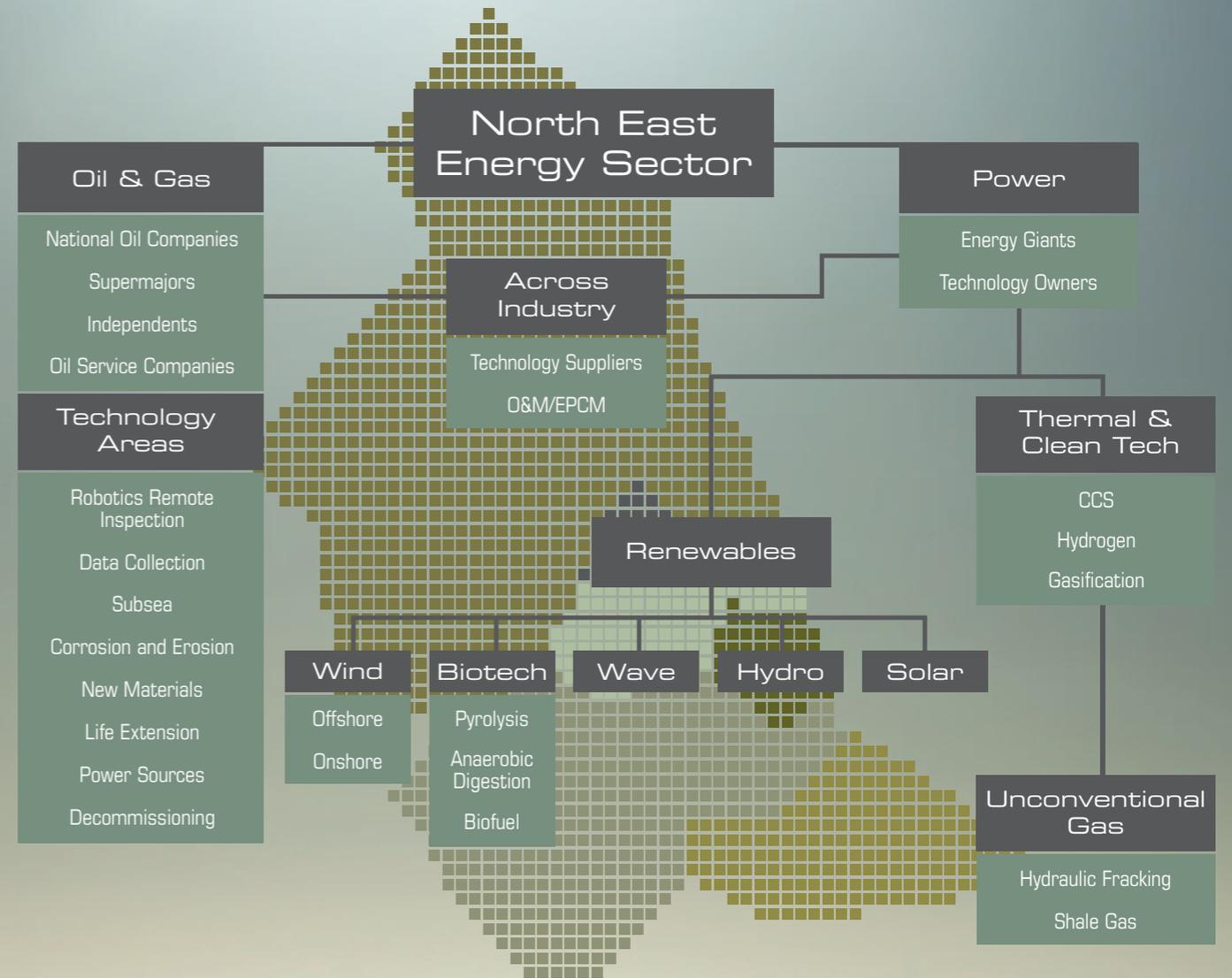
Our Energy team has a wide range of experience across a variety of technologies, legal specialisms and industry sectors. We have a flexible, innovative and commercial approach and deliver comprehensive, tailored advice to clients in the sector, with a focus on building strong relationships and delivering value.



We have developed an external network of trusted legal and non-legal specialists to call upon in order to meet the needs of our clients and their projects.

North East

As a region, the North East has many advantages when it comes to attracting significant businesses operating within the energy sector. As part of the industry supply chain, we are committed to helping deliver projects that stimulate further investment, training and jobs.





How can we add value to your business?

The requirements of the energy market remain diverse. We focus on delivering practical, client-centred solutions which are a natural fit with your business.

Supply chain

The North East has a world class reputation for delivering large scale and specialist engineering projects to companies in the energy industry. We advise a range of businesses operating across all parts of the supply chain - both within the oil & gas and the renewable industries. We provide support across a full range of legal matters, including: raising equity and debt finance for growth, mergers and acquisitions, advising on succession issues, competition and State aid advice, trade and export contracts, property matters, disputes and employee issues.

Developers and landowners

We have extensive experience of providing property, planning, funding and development advice to commercial property and energy generation projects of all sizes and across a wide range of sectors. Our lawyers have worked with developers on a variety of onshore renewable assets, including wind farms, waste plants and ground and roof based solar installations. In addition we have lawyers experienced in grid connection and power purchase arrangements and in dealing with utility providers. We can offer 'cradle to grave' advice to developers and landowners looking to access the renewable energy and onsite power generation markets.

Commercial consumers

Many of our SME clients are implementing energy efficient technology and measures to effectively manage their energy consumption. We have advised clients in sectors as diverse as healthcare, retail, education and agriculture in implementing these solutions, putting in place effective legal structures and land rights to allow for the funding and delivery of projects, taking full advantage of incentives available to energy consumers.

Emerging technology

We have developed relationships with a number of early stage technology companies that are developing technology to meet the needs of the renewable and traditional energy markets. We have worked on funding, joint ventures and a range of intellectual property matters for our clients in areas as diverse as electric vehicle charging, super-conductor materials, hydrogen power cells and cutting edge atomic power technology.

Our energy team has a wide range of experience which includes advising:

Able UK on a range of matters including decommissioning projects and the assembly of the Marine Energy Park on the Humber.

Blue Water Energy on the acquisition of a majority stake in px Group.

Zero Carbon Futures on the establishment of networks of quick chargers to support electric vehicle charging.

UK Sustainable Energy on the development and sale of ground based solar projects.

Utilitywise plc on the acquisitions of t-mac Technologies, Aquas Veritas, Clouds Environmental Consultancy and ICON Communication Centres.

Shepherd Offshore on the development of both the Offshore Technology Park and Neptune Energy Park which will include the Neptune National Centre for Subsea and Offshore Engineering, the first of its kind in the UK, bringing together industry and academia to create a world class engineering research facility.

IdeemaSun Energy on the sale of Priory Farm Solar Farm to Hazel Capital VCT fund.

Chirton Engineering on the sale of the energy services and specialist engineering company to Carr's Engineering.

Advanced Industrial Solutions on a number of projects to facilitate growth in the supply of training to the oil and gas and renewable industries.

A consortium of **registered social landlords** on the establishment of joint venture arrangements for the installation of solar PV cells on over 300 domestic properties.

Proton Power Systems plc on a number of fundraisings on AIM.

Studsvik UK Limited on a number of acquisitions, financing and ongoing contractual matters.

Contract Natural Gas on its financing arrangements.

The renewable energy division of **Lanchester Wine Cellars** in the procurement and erection of a wind turbine on site and leasing arrangements in respect of further turbines.

NAREC (The National Renewable Energy Centre) on a number of projects including the acquisition of offshore wind turbines, advice on performance bonds, security documents and general corporate matters.

North British Windpower on the sale of the 48 turbine Fallago Rig onshore windfarm to EDF.

Renewable Energy Partnerships on the sale of the 24 MW Maerdy Windfarm in South Wales to Velocita.

Smart Innovations Grid on various contractual issues, fundraising and shareholder issues.

Gateshead College on the transfer of the Plugged-in-Places business (the installation of electric car charging posts in the North East) from the local regional development agency.

JDR Cables in the taking of new premises at Hartlepool Docks to service its major expansion plans.



Our team



James Bryce

James is head of Corporate and Commercial and leads the Square One Law Energy team.

He has over 15 years experience advising private and public companies, investors and public sector clients on M&A, joint ventures, commercial agreements and fundraising, including several years spent working in the energy teams at two international firms.

James' recent experience includes: advising Blue Water Energy on the acquisition of px Group; advising on the sale of a portfolio of ground based solar projects to European investors, advising on the sale of the Maerdy Windfarm (a 24MW onshore wind farm located in South Wales) and advising on the sale of the Fallago Rig Windfarm (a 144MW onshore wind farm located in the Scottish borders). In addition, James has advised on the legal structure to implement an electric vehicle charging network across key European transport routes and advised energy management and procurement company Utilitywise plc on various matters, including the acquisitions of T-mac technology; Clouds Consultancy, Aqua Veritas and ICON Communication Centres.

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Ian Gilthorpe

Ian has been based in the North East throughout his career and has extensive experience of working on major commercial and property projects for the region's leading private and public sector organisations.

As a transactional lawyer, Ian's key strengths are in strategic thinking, building long term relationships with clients and excelling at project management and service delivery.

His work in the energy sector includes working with landowners as well as growth companies in the oil and gas supply chain and significant components of the region's infrastructure such as ports. Recent work includes acting for Able UK on a diverse range of projects and the sale of energy services company Chirton Engineering.

Ian is senior partner at Square One Law. He previously worked as the North East business development partner at Eversheds and was a member of the Eversheds energy team. Prior to this he led the development of Muckle for 30 years.

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Barney Frith

Barney has been qualified as a commercial property lawyer for over 30 years and has wide ranging experience in all aspects of property development, including associated construction issues, property investment and commercial real estate.

He has been based in the North East for the last eight years and joined Square One Law from Watson Burton. He has a loyal client base and is lauded by his clients and legal directories where he is ranked as a leader in his field.

Barney regularly advises clients on energy projects. Most recently he acted for Shepherd Offshore Limited on a number of wind farm proposals and ancillary energy related projects; as well as Elba Securities Limited (part of Able UK Limited) on the proposed development of a biomass plant.

He also advised North Yorkshire County Council on the development and regeneration of a quarry and landfill facility by the construction of an 'energy from waste' facility for the disposal of household waste from North Yorkshire and the City of York administrative areas.

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Marie-Louise Bozonet

Marie-Louise is a partner in the Corporate team and has been involved in a number of projects within the energy sector.

She is experienced in advising on the sale of companies and asset sale transactions and has experience of managing complex transactions involving multiple, simultaneous company and asset sales. Marie-Louise also regularly advises clients on investments (both for investors and investee companies) and joint venturing arrangements.

Marie-Louise has spent time on secondment in an oil & gas company where she advised on commercial contracts, contractual disputes and multiple contractual variations. She also assisted in the preparation of a suite of precedent documents for future use on engineering projects by the company.

Recent work includes: advising energy management and procurement company Utilitywise plc on its acquisition of Aqua Veritas; advising on the sale of Chirton Engineering Limited to Carr's Engineering and advising UK Sustainable Energy Limited on a number of solar energy projects.

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Mark Lazenby

Mark is head of finance and banking. He is a transactional lawyer who has strong client relationship skills and a specialism in corporate finance and banking, especially in acquisition finance and property development finance where he has regularly advised both borrowers and lenders.

Mark regularly advises clients across a variety of business sectors including the oil and gas sector and has advised NAREC on joint ventures, various acquisitions and disposals and group restructuring projects.

He has also advised Able UK on its decommissioning projects and on associated security structures and performance bond requirements. Mark is also experienced in advising on security structures in non recourse and project finance transactions.

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Michael Shuker

Michael is a partner in the Property team, with a diverse portfolio of experience including landlord and tenant matters, sales and acquisitions, wind farms and biomass projects, easements, options and secured lending. He has acted for UK and overseas businesses across a number of sectors, as well as large commercial landlords and owners of private estates. Michael understands the reliance that clients place on legal knowledge and organisation, particularly when administering significant projects.

He has been involved in a large-scale manufacturing firm's restructuring of premises for the purposes of creating more capacity to produce umbilical cables for specialist offshore energy projects, and other recent projects include acting for Able UK on various estate related issues and acting for px Group on property-related matters.

He was named in Chambers & Partners 2015 in the Banking and Finance section for Newcastle and surrounds as being 'lauded for his expertise in property finance' and 'continues to establish himself as a notable presence in the local market.'

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Helen Brain

Helen is a partner in the Commercial team and joined Square One Law from the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department.

Helen has broad experience in advising on, negotiating and drafting a variety of commercial agreements, including: international supply agreements, manufacturing, distribution, consultancy, procurement contracts, IT-related contracts and intellectual property licenses and related matters.

She has specialised in commercial, IP and IT law throughout her career. Spending five years as an Associate in US law firm K&L Gates and three years at national firm Irwin Mitchell, during which time she acted for a variety of household name international clients including one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the energy industry.

Helen advises on all commercial contract matters and acts for a variety of clients across sectors. She has a special interest and knowledge in matters involving IP and IT. Helen acts for a variety of clients in the energy sector, and across other industries including technology, software, financial services, manufacturing, pharma, retail, food and brewing.

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