



## Stéphane GASNE

PARTNER

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Partner – DS Avocats - 2020
- Partner – Pinsent Masons - 2015
- Head of Legal – East African Development Bank – 2014
- Head of Legal for Major Projects – Colas – 2013
- Legal Counsel – AFD (French Development Agency) – 2012
- Lawyer – Gide Loyrette Nouel - 2005

### DIPLOMAS

- University Paris II – Master in Public Economic Law – 2003
- Diploma of Sciences Po Paris – 2002
- University Paris II – Master in International Law – 2000
- University Lyon III – Bachelor in Business Law - 1999

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Paris (2005)
- Solicitor England & Wales (2010)

### LANGUAGES

- French (mother tongue)
- English
- Chinese
- Spanish



### OVERVIEW

Over almost 20 years, Stéphane has acquired an extensive experience on large projects across Europe, Africa and Asia, working with major players in the energy and construction sectors, as well as with development banks, infrastructure funds and sponsors.

He started his career with Gide law firm, where he was seconded for five years in the Shanghai office and worked on infrastructure projects.

He has been head of legal for major projects of Colas, one of the leading players in transportation infrastructure markets, then head of legal of the East African Development Bank. He joined the Paris office of Pinsent Masons as partner in 2015, and DS Avocats as partner in 2020.

He graduated from Sciences Po Paris and holds a degree in international law and a degree in public economic law. Member of the Paris bar, Stéphane is also a solicitor of England & Wales.

### SELECTION OF REFERENCES

Among other projects, Stéphane has recently worked on the following large industrial, construction and energy projects:

- **Siemens Gamesa Le Havre.** Advising Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy on the French offshore wind turbines construction plant.
- **RWE France.** Advising RWE on the construction contracts for the development of 60 wind farms in France.
- **Google** on the construction of its new Paris headquarters.
- **Mercury Engineering** on the construction of the Paris Data Centre.
- **Eqiom** on the implementation of oxygen supply and CO2 transformation and storage contracts in the context of a CO2 capture and storage (CCS) pilot project.
- **Deme Offshore** on the drafting and negotiation of several subcontracts enabling it to perform its Engineering-Procurement-Construction-Installation (EPCI) contract for the Saint-Nazaire offshore wind farm. The total construction cost is 2.3 billion Euros.
- **Nîmes-Montpellier Railway Bypass.** Advising Colas on the construction and financing of the Nîmes-Montpellier Railway Bypass project.
- **A 63 Highway (France).** Counsel to Colas on the initial bid, competitive dialogue, best and final offer, negotiation and financial closing of A 63 Highway project.
- **China Nuclear Power Engineering (CNPE)** on the TAC1 Tokamak assembly project for Iter. The TAC1 assembly contract has been awarded to the CNPE Consortium (China Nuclear Power Engineering, China Nuclear Industry 23 Construction Company Ltd, South-Western Institute of Physics, Institute of Plasma Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences ASIPP and Framatome). The total cost of the ITER project is estimated at 22 billion Euros.
- **Shanghai Construction Group** on the construction contract (marché de travaux) for the Oyem stadium (Gabon), built for the Africa Cup of Nations 2017.
- **China Road and Bridge Construction Group** on a proposed PPP for the DBFOM of a new port in Pointe-Noire (Republic of Congo / Congo-Brazzaville).
- **China Group Industries Limited (Norinco)** on a joint venture in Algeria together with Algerian State-owned companies SNVI (Société nationale des véhicules industriels), SNTF (Société nationale des transports ferroviaires) and EMA (Entreprise métro d'alger) for the production of railway rolling-stock.
- **China Petroleum Engineering & Construction Corporation** on the engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning of an oil refinery in Algiers.
- **Weihai Construction Group Company** on the negotiation of an airport PPP project in the Democratic Republic of Congo relating to the extension of Kinshasa N'Djili airport.
- **YunNan Provincial Overseas Investment Company** on the development of the Glo Djigbé airport (Benin) in the form of a DBFOM together with the Ministry of Finance of Benin.
- **YunNan Construction and Investment Holding** Group on the construction, reconstruction and development of the Ouidah seafront (Benin).

- **China Harbour Engineering Company** on the PPP for the construction and reconstruction of the Conakry port (Guinea) and the development of Conakry city centre through land reclamation (concession d'endiguage).
- **Sinohydro** Corporation on the development of the Concession for the DBFOOM for the San Pedro (Ivory Coast) 2 x 350 MW coal-fired power plant (Broto IPP project).
- **Sinohydro** Corporation on the development of the 270 MW Songdong (Cameroon) hydropower plant project in the form of a concession.
- **Sinohydro** on the restructuring of its investment in Sicominex, a mining JV among the Government of Congo-Kinshasa and several Chinese shareholders (Democratic Republic of Congo).
- **Jaitapur NPP**. Advising Assystem on the engineering framework for the proposed 6 EPR Jaitapur NPP (India).
- **ARaymond Jianguo**. Advising ARaymond on the construction of a new plant in Zhenjiang, Jiangsu.
- **Total CPI**. Advising Total on a proposed coal gasification, methanol synthesis and olefin purification process petrochemical joint venture with China Power Investment Corporation, including on the construction of the production units in Inner Mongolia (China).
- **Renault Dongfeng**. Advising Renault on its joint venture with Dongfeng Motor Corporation, including on the construction of the production units in Wuhan (China).
- **Seppic Shanghai Plant**. Advising Air Liquide Healthcare subsidiary Seppic on the construction of a plant in Shanghai Qingpu district.
- **CNIM Chongqing**. Advising CNIM on a joint venture project and on the construction of a plant in Chongqing, China.
- **Taishan NPP**. Advising Areva NP on the design and construction of the Taishan 1 and 2 EPRs, in consortium with CNPC.
- **BP Tolling**. Advising BP on a gas tolling agreement for a new power plant in France.
- **Lafarge Yunnan**. Due diligence in the context of cement plants acquisition in China's Yunnan province.
- **Total CNIM Chongqing**. Advising CNIM on a joint venture project and on the construction of a plant in Chongqing, China.
- **Michelin Shenyang**. Advising Michelin on the construction of a plant in Shenyang, China (FIDIC Yellow Book).
- **Air Liquide Hangzhou**. Advising Air Liquide on a joint venture with Hangyang for the production and sale of industrial gas plants and component equipment.

#### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Global Law Expert – Construction Lawyer of the Year 2020
- Best Lawyers 2022 – Construction law
- IFLR 1000 2021 – Project finance – Other notable
- Legal 500 2021 – Energy – (Band 3)
- Legal 500 2021 – Administrative & Public Law (Band 3)
- Legal 500 2021 – Project Financing (Band 3)
- Legal 500 2020 – Energy – Leading Individual
- Magazine Décideurs 2021 – Promotion & Construction – Consulting and contracts (contracts, works, contracts & consulting) (Band 3)
- Magazine Décideurs 2021 – Development & Construction – Construction Litigation (including insurance) (Band 2).