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Ben is an energy lawyer with a particular focus on the oil and gas sector. He has advised clients on the development, sale, purchase and financing of oil and gas assets across the value chain, from wellhead to market. Ben has particular experience in relation to African transactions, having advised on deals in more than 25 jurisdictions across the continent.

Industries

[Energy](#)

Practices

[Oil & Gas](#)

[Midstream Transactions](#)

[Upstream Transactions](#)

Credentials

Education

- Pepperdine University, Legal Practice Course, 2002
- University of Dallas, B.A., Honours in Law, 2001
- University of St. Andrews, Legal Diploma, 2000

Bar Admissions

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Languages

- French

Chambers Global

- UK – Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas, 2024

Chambers UK

- Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas, 2016 – 2025

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The Legal 500 United Kingdom

- Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Oil & Gas, 2014, 2017 – 2019, 2022 – 2023, 2025 (Leading Partner, 2025)

The Legal 500 EMEA

- Regional Summary – Africa, 2016 – 2017

Delinian Limited

- *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, Highly Regarded: Project Finance, 2017 – 2024
- *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, Highly Regarded: Project Development, 2018 – 2024
- *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, Highly Regarded: Energy and Infrastructure, 2018

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC

- *IFLR1000 Energy & Infrastructure Guide*, Sub-Saharan Africa, Leading Lawyer, 2016;
- *IFLR1000 Energy & Infrastructure Guide*, Latin America, 2016