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Background

Matthew Philip-Awolu is a Senior Associate at ALN Kenya | Anjarwalla & Khanna and a member of the Projects and Infrastructure department. He focuses on legal advice in energy, infrastructure, public private partnerships, project development and finance within Sub-Saharan Africa.

His experience includes providing transaction advisory services to project sponsors who develop both small scale and large-scale infrastructure and energy projects, providing corporate structuring advisory in respect of the projects, legal due diligence on infrastructure projects and drafting and negotiating a host of agreements in respect of such infrastructure, energy, and real estate projects.

Prior to joining ALN, he worked as a key member in the project and infrastructure department of top tier law firms in West Africa and worked as an in-house legal counsel for an energy company.

Professional Membership

Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)

Professional Qualifications

2017 LL.M, University of Aberdeen, Scotland

2014 Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria

2013 LL.B, Bachelor of Laws, Babcock University, Nigeria

Career Summary

2023 – Date Senior Associate, Anjarwalla & Khanna, Nairobi

2023: Associate, Templars, Nigeria

2021 – 2023: Associate, Detail Commercial Solicitors, Lagos

2017 – 2021: Legal Counsel, Greenville Liquified Natural Gas Company Nigeria, Abuja

Top Matters

Projects & Infrastructure

- Advising a consultancy firm in connection with a regional fibre optic and infrastructure sharing project amongst Eastern and Southern African countries.
- Advising a foreign investor in connection with the development of distillery project and a power plant in Tanzania.
- Advising a foreign investor in connection with a geothermal project in Kenya.

Prior to joining ALN Kenya | Anjarwalla & Khanna, Matthew advised on the following matters:

- Advising a UK based investor in connection with the development of Nigeria's first integrated sea-weed nursery and bio-refinery project.
- Advising a Nigerian investor in connection with the development and rehabilitation of an approximately 500 kilometre liquid pipeline infrastructure under a concession arrangement to be granted by the Federal Government of Nigeria.
- Advising a leading solar energy infrastructure developer in connection with the development of a 961 MWp solar project and 443 MWh of utility-scale battery energy storage systems across Nigeria in partnership with Federal Government of Nigeria.
- Advising a leading solar energy infrastructure developer in connection with the development of mini-grid and battery-as-a-service project in West Africa.
- Advising a foreign investor in connection with the proposed development of an independent power project comprising of a natural gas fired generation plant of up to 24 megawatts, a solar photovoltaic system and an underground independent distribution network in West Africa.
- Advising a Zambian renewable energy company in connection with the co-development of a 40 megawatt grid-connected solar power plant to be implemented in Zambia under the GET-FIT Program.
- Advising an investor in connection with the offshore acquisition of a majority stake in a leading Belgian agro-industrial group.
- Advising Skipper T&D DMCC in connection with the development and financing of grid-connected 20 x 100 MWpv solar power projects in West Africa.