

## Bracewell Welcomes Back Projects Partner In Dubai

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*Law360 (May 6, 2019, 7:47 PM EDT)* -- Bracewell LLP regained a partner in its Dubai office after he did a two-year stint as general counsel for a renewables project developer, who brings years of experience working in the Middle East helping energy sector clients with project development work.

Clint Steyn rejoined Bracewell as regional head of projects, according to the firm's announcement last week. For the prior two years, he worked as general counsel for Alcazar Energy, which is an owner and operator of renewables projects in the Middle East and Northern Africa, according to the firm.



Clint Steyn

Those two years at Alcazar Energy divided his time at Bracewell. His previous stint as a partner in Bracewell's Dubai office lasted from 2014 to 2017, the firm said. Prior to his time at Bracewell, he was with Chadborne & Parke LLP starting in 2011 and extending for nearly three years. He was also a partner stationed in the Dubai office there.

According to Bracewell, Steyn focuses on project finance for independent power projects. His work includes project development and acquisitions.

Steyn said he was excited to return to his old firm.

"I worked closely with the Bracewell team during my time at Alcazar Energy and return to Bracewell with the blessing of my friends at Alcazar Energy," Steyn said in a statement. "I very much look forward to supporting and advising Alcazar Energy during the next phase of its development, as well as serving the needs of other Bracewell clients in the [Middle East and North Africa] region."

Bracewell said Steyn's experience includes a decade in the Middle East.

During his previous stint at Bracewell and as general counsel at Alcazar Energy, he worked on several renewables projects. Those projects included work on an 84-megawatt wind project in Jordan, a bid for a 350 megawatt project in Abu Dhabi and the acquisition of a Jordan solar project, the firm said.

Steyn is one of five partners to join the firm's global projects team since the start of last year, it said. In March, for example, the firm announced that Andrej Kormuth had joined the firm's Dubai office as a partner, bringing experience on infrastructure projects.

Chris Williams, managing partner of the firm's Dubai office, praised the move and said it has built its Middle East capacity.

"His return to the firm, coupled with the recent arrival of Andrej Kormuth, enables us to offer clients an unrivaled projects practice that builds on the firm's significant experience in energy and infrastructure markets throughout the Middle East and further afield," Williams said in a statement.

Jason Fox, the managing partner of Bracewell's London office said Steyn's return to the firm will help its office in London and Dubai work together.

And Gregory M. Bopp, the firm's managing partner, praised the return.

"His extensive projects experience in the [Middle East and North Africa] region enhances the international platform of our global energy and infrastructure practices," Bopp said in a statement.

Steyn is a University of Cape Town graduate.

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