

## MVP: Bracewell's Ron I. Erlichman

*Law360 (December 17, 2018, 12:43 PM EST)* -- Ron I. Erlichman of Bracewell LLP helped close on the financing and equity arrangements for a \$1.3 billion Ohio natural gas electric generation project this year, earning him a spot among Law360's 2018 Project Finance MVPs.

### *HIS BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT OF THE LAST YEAR:*

Erlichman represented AP Energy Holdings Inc. and South Field Energy LLC on the financing and equity arrangements for the 1,182 megawatt South Field Energy project, which is closing in August and will be located close to Wellsville, Ohio, the firm said.

The transaction required a lot of expertise in specific practice areas and called upon a wide array of disciplines at the firm, Erlichman said, adding it showed how the firm can handle large dollar, complex transactions and that the firm has the resources to support such transactions and all the different types of issues that come along with them.

"The complexity and magnitude of the Advanced Power/South Field Energy project financing gave me the opportunity to call on and coordinate among almost every one of our energy sector experts, in particular our energy commodity, regulatory, environmental strategies, tax and policy teams," he said. "It was rewarding to showcase our unique ability to provide all of those services for energy projects on one transaction."

### *WHY HE'S A PROJECT FINANCE ATTORNEY:*

Erlichman said he has always been fascinated with the concept that, at the end of the day in a projects deal, there is a tangible result. He likes that there is something that you can actually see and touch.

"I'm a very visual person and the ability to see the results of my effort as a project is being constructed and when it's operational gives me a sense of pride," he said.

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**WHAT MOTIVATES HIM:**

Erlichman said he loves a challenge, specifically the challenge of solving complex problems in connection with the development or financing of projects.

“Every project has some issues in the course of either developing or financing it that require you to be innovative and to figure out how to cause that project to be able to get to a closing,” he said.

**HIS ADVICE FOR YOUNGER ATTORNEYS:**

To be successful, attorneys need to be experts in their practice areas, but they also need to be flexible and capable of pivoting with the markets, Erlichman said.

The practice of law has become a very specialized practice, he said, but attorneys shouldn't become so specialized that potential clients think they're only capable of doing one type of thing.

“Markets are constantly evolving and you need to be able to move with the markets and try to stay ahead of them if you want to be successful long term as a lawyer in the project finance space,” he said.

— *As told to Adam Lidgett*

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