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LK Shields Solicitors is a leading corporate and commercial law firm based in Dublin, Ireland.

We are consistently and independently recognised as one of Ireland's leading law firms. Our clients and market commentators say that we are characterised by our pragmatism, knowledge and business acumen. In addition to being recognised as a market leader in Ireland, our people are recognised as among the country's pre-eminent lawyers.

Our success is based on building long-term relationships with our clients, learning about their business and providing them with the solution focused advice they need. Our clients include multinationals, enterprising Irish and international businesses, public bodies, financial institutions and entrepreneurs in all industry sectors.

Clients praise the energy team at LK Shields Solicitors for its rapid response times and friendly professional service
Legal 500, 2008

The firm is flexible, responsive, businesslike and highly commercial
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Energy and Natural Resources Unit

The Energy and Natural Resources Unit within LK Shields Solicitors assists and guides a client list that boasts a wide variety of Irish and international clients in the areas of law relating to energy and natural resources. LK Shields Solicitors has been involved in several of the recent most significant energy and natural resource sector developments in Ireland.

The firm with its specialist knowledge has the expertise to advise its clients operating in the Energy and Natural Resources area in understanding and complying with the ever changing legislative environment.

The firm draws from wide-ranging expertise across appropriate practice groups thus enabling it to fully service the needs of its clients and prides itself on its commercial attitude. As a result of this expertise the firm has acted for developers of wind farms both in Ireland and overseas, including the largest private renewable energy provider in the State. We are carving out an excellent reputation in the niche area of wind farms. We have also been involved in a number of CHP projects, district heating schemes, waste management projects and tyre recycling projects reflecting our reputational growth in this area.

Given the current consolidation in the market we have more recently been involved in a number of high profile mergers and acquisitions in the energy area.





Energy and Natural Resources



Praised for the high quality of its work and extremely good value, this firm is known for being approachable and flexible and welcoming discussion

Chambers Europe, 2009

LK Shields Solicitors is steadily carving itself a niche handling wind farm work

Chambers Europe, 2008

Our Services

The Energy and Natural Resources Unit offers services in the following areas:

- Fundraising for energy companies
- Energy sector regulation at both domestic and EU level (regulatory compliance)
- Development of major infrastructure projects including renewals, energy projects and joint venture agreements
- Project finance (acting for both borrowers and financial institutions)
- Wind farm projects
- Combined heat and power plants
- Waste recycling plants
- Real property, environmental and planning issues
- Electricity supply and connection contracts
- Energy components of mergers and acquisitions
- Geothermal energy legislation
- District heating schemes
- Cleantech energy technology

Recent Experience and Expertise

The team at LK Shields Solicitors is prompt and demonstrates an excellent depth of knowledge

Legal 500, 2010

Philip Daly is conscientious and efficient and wins praise for his extensive knowledge and responsiveness

Chambers Europe, 2009

LK Shields Solicitors has the ability to very quickly get to the heart of a problem

Legal 500, 2010

- We acted for **Tedcastles Oil** in its acquisition of Fate Park Limited, one of the leading oil distribution companies in Ireland.
- We acted for the owners of **Sorne Wind** on the development of a 38.9 MW wind farm and the onward sale once completed to Bord Gáis Eireann. This represents probably the largest onshore wind farm disposal in Ireland in 2009.
- We acted for **Englefield Capital** in relation to its €30 million equity investment through its vehicle Rockfield Energy Investment LLP in Imperative Energy Limited. The transaction completed in August 2009.
- We continue to act for **Airtricity** in all aspects of the Coomatallin and Richfield Wind Farm project to bring matters to a financial close.
- We advise **Star Energy plc** and **Petronas** in relation to the acquisition of Marathon Oil Ireland Limited and Marathon Seven Heads Limited and the related option arrangements entered into with Providence Resources. The assets sold included the Kinsale Head area comprising Kinsale Head South West Kinsale and the Ballycotton Gas Fields as well as the Seven Heads Fields and related gas storage business. The transaction completed in 2009.
- We are currently acting for the promoters of a number of wind farms ranging from 5 MWs to 12 MWs.
- We continue to act for energy and facilities management company, **Dalkia Ireland**, part of the **Veolia Group**, and providing advice on the area of district heating schemes and on a number of acquisitions in the energy area.
- We acted for **Biopower plc** in relation to its public offering to raise funds for biomass recycling centres.
- We are currently advising **Geothermal Energy Limited** on legislative issues relevant to geothermal energy in Ireland.
- We acted for **TOP** in an investment in Alternative Energy Resources Limited - a biofuel company.
- We have acted for companies such as **Island Renewable Energy** and **Geothermal Energy Limited** in investment funding rounds.
- We act for companies active in mineral exportation in Ireland and advise on mining license issues.
- We recently advised **Belmore Resources** on mining issues in Ireland, and most recently in a placing of shares with Lundin Mining Corporation Limited.
- We advised **Braemer Energy Ventures LP** in a VC investment in Powervation, a company active in cleantech electronic systems technology.



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Energy and Natural Resources - Our Team

Clients single out Philip Daly for his exhaustive knowledge of the renewable sector in Ireland

Legal 500, 2010



Philip Daly is the lead partner in the successful Energy and Natural Resources Unit within LK Shields Solicitors. He is a commercial lawyer with significant experience and focus on the energy market. Philip advises a number of household names in the energy sector on all their legal and regulatory needs.

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Overall, clients appreciate the team's technical ability, strong partner involvement, speed of response and multidisciplinary expertise

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Richard Curran is a partner in the Business Department with particular skills in projects and assists the unit on agreement associated with large scale energy projects. He has an extensive UK and German network in the energy and natural resources field having practised previously as a lawyer in those jurisdictions.

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LK Shields Solicitors is very capable, highly responsive and reasonable on fees

Legal 500, 2009



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Jennifer McGuire is an associate in the Business Department with a particular interest in the energy and natural resources area. Jennifer regularly advises some of our key clients in the area on energy related matters and has written extensively on the area.

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