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Robert L. Nelson, Jr. has played a key role in the development and financing of over 150 energy and infrastructure projects globally, including many landmark projects that have won global or regional recognition.

His work in energy and infrastructure spans project construction, development, finance, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions and private equity in power, oil and gas/LNG, infrastructure and mining. Bob's extensive power project experience includes renewable, gas-fired/combined cycle and nuclear energy. In the renewable sector, he has worked on biofuels/biogas, biomass, cogeneration, energy storage, geothermal, solar and wind projects, while his nuclear experience extends from large-scale reactors to SMRs. Bob's oil and gas work focuses on LNG as well as downstream and midstream projects. His infrastructure work covers data centers, transportation, water/wastewater and sports/entertainment facilities, often involving public-private partnerships. Additionally, he has significant experience with related dispute resolution.

Education

- Columbia Law School (J.D., 1980)
 - Stone Scholar
- Princeton University (M.P.A.)
 - Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
- Harvard University (A.B., *magna cum laude*)
- Ludwig – Maximilian's Universität
 - Doctoral candidate in law

Bar Admissions

- California
- New York

Memberships

- Council on Foreign Relations, Member
- Former Member, Board of Directors and Finance Committee of the US-India Strategic

Capabilities

- Energy
- Energy Transactions
- Finance
- Private Equity

Related Capabilities

- Data Center & Infrastructure
- Chemical Manufacturing
- Construction
- Cross-Border Finance
- Joint Ventures & Strategic Alliances
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures

Partnership Forum (USISPF) and the joint U.S.- Indian task force on trade and investment matters

- Former Chairman (two terms) of the International Bar Association's Project Finance Subcommittee
- Instructor, Stanford University (Graduate School of Business and School of Engineering)

Languages

- French
- German
- Norwegian
- Spanish

Publications

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Private Equity Propels Lenders Counsel Inner Circle

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