## SHEARMAN & STERLING NAMES MONA DAJANI AS GLOBAL HEAD OF RENEWABLES

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Global law firm <u>Shearman & Sterling</u> has appointed prominent global energy lawyer **Mona Dajani** (pictured) as a partner in the Project Development & Finance (PDF) practice. Based in New York, Dajani will serve as Global Head of Renewables, Co-Head of Global Energy & Infrastructure (Projects), and Head of the Hydrogen and Ammonia Practice (Americas).

Dajani and Medina are two of the foremost energy and infrastructure transaction lawyers, advising clients in the energy, sustainability, and infrastructure sectors including on complex mergers and acquisitions/dispositions, project development, financings, joint ventures, restructuring, tax equity and tax credit financings involving energy and related infrastructure facilities in the US and around the world.

Dajani is an expert in the development and financing of energy storage, solar, wind, hydrogen, ammonia, mobility, data centers, electric vehicles, carbon capture and sequestration, renewable natural gas, biofuels, net-zero technology and other energy transition projects.

She has significant experience in syndicated loan and debt capital markets transactions, sustainable finance, ESG, data centers, water and transportation projects, and arranging capital for new and established energy and infrastructure companies.

Dajani has represented a wide variety of commercial and public institutions, private equity and strategic investors, sponsors, utilities, financial institutions, underwriters, energy and clean technology companies, investment banks and multilateral agencies in transactions throughout the US and globally.

In November of 2022, she was appointed for a three-year term as a U.S. Department of Energy Ambassador for C3E. Dajani is also a Construction Lawyers Society Fellow as well as a member of the national Board of Directors for the American Council of Renewable Energy (ACORE).

"This is a time of huge opportunities and challenges in the energy and infrastructure space and more than ever so in the energy and sustainability markets. Clients will require the highest levels of expertise from their legal advisers if they are to successfully navigate the current landscape," said Mona Dajani. "Shearman & Sterling's globally recognized Finance and PDF practices will allow us to expand our business at a crucial time when the recent legislative developments in the US mean that the energy and infrastructure sectors will only grow in importance over the coming years. We look forward to growing, contributing to and collaborating with the firm's existing team to provide our clients with an enhanced service offering on a global basis."



Jorge Medina

Also joining Shearman & Sterling partnership is tax equity lawyer **Jorge Medina** (pictured above) as a member in the Project Development & Finance (PDF) practice. Based in the Bay Area, Medina will serve as Head of Renewables (Americas).

Dajani and Medina have led some of the largest renewable energy and infrastructure transactions. Their practice has been at the cutting edge of the energy transition, leading recent trailblazing transactions in wind, solar, storage, hydrogen, electric vehicle infrastructure, biofuels, and renewable natural gas, and launched and led the first dedicated hydrogen transactions practice.

Dajani and Medina join Shearman & Sterling from Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman.

"Mona and Jorge's appointment is part of our strategy to meet the growing needs of our clients to build out our PDF, energy and infrastructure offering in the Americas and strengthen our presence in

the U.S. power, energy transition and energy innovations sectors with top market leading practitioners," said **David Beveridge**, senior partner at Shearman & Sterling. "Their arrival adds depth to our existing team and perfectly complements our ambitions for the practice both in the U.S. and globally. Mona and Jorge's addition continues our strong growth momentum and demonstrates the continued execution of our long-term strategy, focused on growing our core practices in key geographies, aligning with market opportunities."

"We are delighted to be welcoming Mona and Jorge to the partnership. They are exceptional and industry leading lawyers with an incredible wealth of experience and reputation in the market," said **Cynthia Urda Kassis**, global PDF Practice group leader at Shearman & Sterling. "Both are extraordinarily entrepreneurial and have a strong track record advising on leading edge transactions in the energy and infrastructure space, at a time when activity in the sector is poised to increase significantly. I am confident that their arrival will help us to take full advantage of the many opportunities we are seeing in the market."