

# HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS RECRUITS LATIN AMERICAN PROJECT FINANCE LAWYER FROM ALLEN & OVERY

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## **The New York office of Herbert Smith Freehills announced that Edward J. Dougherty will join the firm as a partner in January 2017.**

Dougherty is admitted to the Bar in the State of New York and joins from Allen & Overy, where he was an associate at the firm's New York and São Paulo offices. Prior to Allen & Overy, he was an international associate at Veirano Advogados in Rio de Janeiro and also worked at Vale and OPIC.

At Herbert Smith Freehills, Dougherty will focus on project finance, trade finance and syndicated lending in the infrastructure, mining, power, oil & gas and financial sectors across Latin America.

Christian Leathley, an international arbitration partner and co-head of the firm's Latin American group, said in the announcement of Dougherty's hire: "We are building the New York hub of our Latin American practice to better serve clients with interests in the region and seize upon clear

opportunity in energy, infrastructure and mining and other industries in which the firm is strong. With a New York-based project finance capability, our very credible and high-quality offering meets the most critical legal needs of clients doing business in Latin America with a multi-lingual team that has deep roots in the region. The development of this capability is key to the firm and we will continue to add strength to our local team. Ed Dougherty is an impressive attorney. He has a breadth of experience and practice building record together with drive, energy and a real love of challenge. We are pleased to welcome him to Herbert Smith Freehills."

Herbert Smith Freehills has over 26 offices across Asia Pacific, EMEA and North America. In New York, it is also home to a team of US and UK-qualified disputes lawyers that represents clients in US courts in commercial litigation, investigations, cross-border matters and class actions. Lawyers working in the New York office are also qualified to practice in Paris, Singapore, Brazil, Ecuador, New Zealand and Australia.