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## CONSTRUCTION

### Global

#### **Taking the Long View - How Appropriate Foresight Supports the Development and Execution of Large-Cap Construction Projects**

*David Strickland and Michael Yates*

Owners and developers typically seek to minimize up-front costs during the early development of large-cap construction projects. Early attention to key development and construction issues, however, will likely pay rich dividends as these projects progress through completion. Here's how. [More »](#)

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## LITIGATION, REGULATORY

### Oil & Gas –US/Canada

#### **The Texas Supreme Court Opens the Door for More Oilfield Contamination Lawsuits**

*Andrew M. Stakelum*

In ruling that the Texas Railroad Commission possessed neither exclusive nor primary jurisdiction over landowner oilfield contamination claims, the Texas Supreme Court removed a significant obstacle for landowners to bring and sustain claims in Texas courts. [More »](#)

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## LITIGATION, CONSTRUCTION

### US/Canada

#### **Texas Supreme Court Removes Procedural Gotcha in Lawsuits Against Engineers, Architects, and Other Licensed Professionals**

*Jeremiah J. Anderson*

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## Upcoming Events

**“Structuring LNG Tolling Agreements: Negotiating Fee Structure and Payment, Lifting Terms, Liability, and Other Key Provisions”**

May 16, 2017 – Webinar

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm EST

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Resolving a circuit split, the Texas Supreme Court held that trial courts have discretion whether to dismiss a lawsuit against a licensed professional with or without prejudice when a plaintiff fails to file a Certificate of Merit contemporaneously with its original petition.

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## TRANSACTIONS

### Oil & Gas –Europe

#### **UK Government Considers Changes to Tax Rules to Keep Late Life-Oil and Gas Assets Producing for Longer**

*Nina Howell*

In March 2017, the UK Government published a Discussion Paper highlighting the fiscal issues preventing the transfer of late-life oil and gas assets on the UKCS, and soliciting feedback from industry stakeholders. The Discussion Paper is part of the UK Government’s strategy to maximise economic recovery from older fields in the UK North Sea. [More »](#)

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## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE

### Renewables – Global

#### **Added Risks of Export Projects**

*Kelly Malone, Kevin Futch and Ji Nin Loh*

While projects to export hydropower production may provide an attractive option to some countries, they also bring added risk when compared with domestic projects. These risks need careful consideration from all of the project stakeholders, including governments and utilities, to ensure project development and operation can proceed as planned. [More »](#)

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