

Louis Skyner

Date of Birth 4 March 1973
Nationality British

Employment

2010- **Leading Legal Counsel (Moscow)**
International Development & Production, Statoil ASA

- Lead counsel in negotiations of JOA, JVA etc. with Lukoil Overseas and the Iraqi government as part of a DPSC for the West Qurna II oil - field.
- Lead counsel advising on the negotiation of the key commercial agreements with Gazprom and Total for the Shtokman gas – field, *i.a.* shareholder agreement, development and production agreement, gas and LNG sales agreements, and agreements for the construction and use of infrastructure.
- Lead counsel in structuring and negotiation of framework agreement with Gazprom for development of Shtokman gas – field as an LNG project.
- Lead counsel advising on the negotiation of various agreements for Statoil's Exploration and Business Development departments in Russia, *i.a.* joint exploration activity and project structures with Rosneft in the Black, Kara and Pechora Seas, and Gazpromneft in the Arctic

2008- **Senior Legal Counsel (Oslo)**
2010 **Petroleum Geo - Services ASA**

- Negotiation of commercial agreements in tenders for marine seismic acquisition, processing and interpretation work across business regions.
- Negotiation of construction contracts / financing arrangements for vessels.
- Advised on the structuring of offshore joint ventures, and the financing of investments into Russian and Kazakh subsidiaries.

2004 - **Associate, Wikborg Rein (Oslo)**
2008 **Energy Group & Shipping Offshore Group**
Appointed Senior Associate 2006

- Alstom on the negotiation of a number of EPC contracts with RusAl.
- Exportfinans on the financing of projects with Sudoeksport, *i.e.* ship construction.
- RAO UES on the drafting of a model gas purchase agreement as part of the power sector privatization.
- The establishment of a Russian joint venture between Bergessen Group and Rosnefteflot, and the chartering / reflagging of a Bergessen FPSO to it.

- The chartering of vessels & rigs owned by Arktikmorneftegazrazvedka and subsequent arbitrations.

Academic and Part Time Positions

In addition to my practical experience as a solicitor in private practice, and as an in – house legal counsel, I have developed my understanding of the energy sector through research, and positions as a lecturer and policy advisor.

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| 2006-
2011 | <p>Associate Fellow
 Royal Institute of International Affairs, London
 Energy & Environment Programme
 Lectures and workshops for corporate clients, national government, and international institutions on energy law & policy.</p> |
| 2006-
2008 | <p>Legal Expert for European Commission
 ‘Harmonisation of Energy Policies of Russia and EU’ &
 ‘Harmonisation of Environmental Policies of Russia and EU’</p> |
| 2003-
2006 | <p>Legal Expert for United Nations Economic Commission
 Energy / Utility Sector Reform in CIS</p> |
| 2001-
2004 | <p>Post Doctoral Thesis
 Institute for Petroleum Law, University of Oslo
 Norwegian Research Council Scholar
 A comparison of the framework for investment in upstream oil & gas activity in international practice and Russia.
 Lecturer in energy law and English law of contract.</p> |

Selected Publications

- L. Skyner and V. Kokin ‘The State as a Contracting Party: the Delimitation of Regulatory Authority in Licensing and Product Sharing Agreements’
RusEnergyLaw Journal vol. 6 December 2004
- L. Skyner ‘Rehousing and Refinancing Russia: Creating Access to Affordable Mortgaging’
Europe Asia Studies Vol. 57 no.3 March 2005
- L. Skyner ‘The Regulation of Subsoil Resource Usage: the Erosion of the ‘Two Key’ Principle and its Inclusion into the Framework of Civil Law’
Review of Central and East European Law vol. 31 No. 1 January 2006

- L. Skyner ‘A Framework for Private Investment in the Utility Sector: an Analysis of the 2005 law On Concession Agreements’
Review of Central and East European Law vol. 31 No. 3 September 2006
- L. Skyner ‘Upravlenie Ekologicheskimi Riskami v Sfere Prirodopolzovaniia na Primere Basseina Barentseva Moria: Norvezhsjii Opyt’
NeftGazPravo voi. 6 December 2007
- L. Skyner ‘Upravlenie Ekologicheskimi Riskami v Sfere Prirodopolzovaniia na Primere Basseina Barentseva Moria: Rossiiskii Opyt’
NeftGazPravo vol. 1 February 2008
- L. Skyner ‘The Reform of the Russian Power Sector: the Rhetoric and the Reality’
Europe Asia Studies vol. 62 No. 8, October 2010
- L. Skyner ‘Energeticheskaya Politika v Rossii: ot Evropy do Azii’
NeftGazPravo vol.2 April 2012

Education

2001- 2002	Oxford Institute of Legal Practice Legal Practice Course for Solicitors
1998- 1999	College of Law, London Common Professional Examination
1996- 1999	Jesus College, University of Cambridge Doctor of Philosophy British Academy Scholarship
1995- 1996	University of East Anglia Masters of Arts Degree Comparative European Politics British Academy Scholarship
1990- 1994	Magdalen College, University of Oxford Bachelor of Arts Degree Ancient and Modern History - 1st Class