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Richard counsels financial institutions, project sponsors, and investors in the development, financing, acquisition, and disposition of energy and infrastructure assets throughout the United States and Latin America.

He is active in the U.S. PPP market, counseling bidders, banks, and underwriters in the bidding and financing for major transportation projects in North Carolina, Texas, California, Michigan, Hawaii, Oklahoma, and Georgia. He also advises project companies on the refinancing of various debt tranches related to operating transportation assets in the U.S. He is currently counseling sponsor clients on the development and financing of renewable energy projects in the U.S.

Much of his recent work in Latin America involves the energy transition sector, representing the sponsors in connection with the financing of a major fleet of electric buses in Chile as well as multiple photovoltaic (PV) solar plants in Peru, Chile, Mexico, Argentina, and Panama. Richard also has extensive experience with the development and financing of major infrastructure projects throughout the region, including the development and financing of significant toll road projects in Costa Rica, Chile, and Colombia. He recently advised the owner in connection with a financing of a fuel storage and transshipment facility in the Bahamas and the sponsor of a fiber optic network in Guyana.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

- Represented Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) in connection with its multi-tranche US\$200M financing provided by Banco Santander, S.A and The Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) related to lithium production in Chile and Australia to export to South Korea.
- Represented Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) in connection with its multi-tranche US\$100M financing provided by Banco Santander, S.A and The Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) related to lithium production in Chile and Australia to export to South Korea.
- Represented Liwathon B.O.S. LLC, which operates and maintains a fuel oil storage and transshipment terminal in the Bahamas, in connection with a financing provided by Private Export Funding Corporation (PEFCO), supported by a financial guarantee from the Export-Import Bank of the United States. The proceeds of the financing will be used to repair the South Riding Point oil terminal in Bahamas and facilitate the export of goods and services from the United States to the borrower in the Bahamas.
- Represented NTE Mobility Partners Segments 3 LLC (NTE3), the concession company that operates, maintains, and collects tolls on the North Tarrant Express Segments 3A, 3B, and 3C Facility in Fort Worth, Texas (the Project), in connection with a US\$275M senior financing transaction. The Texas Private Activity Bond Surface Transportation Corporation issued private activity bonds (PABs) and lent the proceeds to NTE3, which applied the funds to refinance outstanding PABs that were previously issued in connection with the construction of the Project.
- Represented Suministradora de Buses K Cuatro SpA, along with its sponsors Inversiones Kaufmann, S.A. and InfraBridge Ebus Chile SpA, on a US\$344M financing package for an electric bus fleet in Santiago, Chile. The lenders are International Finance Corporation (IFC), Inter-American Investment Corporation (IDB Invest), and Banco del Estado de Chile (BancoEstado). The project has a total estimated value of \$422MM. With a total of 992 electric buses, this project contributed to the creation of the largest electric bus fleet in the Americas and the second-largest electric bus fleet in the world.
- Represented NTE Mobility Partners Segments 3 LLC (NTE3), the concession company operating, maintaining, and collecting tolls on the North Tarrant Express Segments 3A, 3B, and 3C Facility in Fort Worth, Texas (the Project), in connection with a US\$221M senior financing transaction. NTE3 will issue a series of senior lien bonds, the proceeds of which will be applied to repay a portion of existing debt related to the construction of the Project.
- Represented a Colombian company in a US\$150M financing with MUFG.
- Represented Enel Chile, S.A. in connection with a credit facility provided by the European Investment Bank to finance the development, construction, and operation of multiple renewable energy generation and distribution projects by Enel in Chile as part of that country's energy transition program with a guarantee provided by SACE S.p.A. Part of an overall agreement between EIB and Enel to develop green energy projects in Brazil, Peru, and Chile, with the support of SACE (Italian export credit agency). This transaction is an important example of cross-border support for the development of renewable energy production in Latin America.
- Represented Sacyr Concesiones S.L., Unión Vial Río Pamplonita S.A.S. and Fideicomiso Unión Vial Río Pamplonita S.A.S. with a US\$451.5M long-term project financing.
- Advised the lenders and underwriters in connection with the bids for major transportation infrastructure projects in California, Michigan, Hawaii, Texas, North Carolina, and Georgia, among others.
- Advised the sponsors in connection with the bids for transportation infrastructure projects in Washington and Oklahoma, among others.
- Advised JinkoSolar Holding Co., Ltd., a large and innovative solar panel manufacturer, in the sale of two solar PV plants in Mexico to White River Renewables.

- Represented a Central American conglomerate in the acquisition of a significant strategic real estate holding in Honduras.
- Advised Paraguay Energy S.A. in connection with its US\$130M financing to fund the acquisition of Petrobras' operations in Paraguay from Petrobras International Braspetro B.V.
- Represented a Central America conglomerate in connection with the acquisition and related financing of an agricultural and energy business.
- Advised Jinko Solar and Energía Solar San Ignacio S. de R.L. de C.V., in development, construction, operation, and financing of a Mexican 25.02 MWp PV solar power plant.
- Advised Jinko Solar and Solar Park Viborillas, S. de R.L. de C.V., in the development, construction, and senior financing of a 130 MW PV solar power project in Mexico.
- Advised Japan Bank for International Cooperation, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and Mizuho Bank, Ltd. with a US\$500M syndicated credit facility.
- Represented Autopistas del Sol, S.A. with a Rule 144A and Regulation S offering by Autopistas del Sol of US\$300M aggregate principal amount of 7.375% Senior Secured Notes.
- Advised a multinational investment bank and financial services holding company as bond purchaser and hedge counterparty in a US\$460M financing of a public-private partnership.
- Advised Citibank, N.A. and Goldman Sachs & Co., with the marketing and issuance of US\$100M of Tax-Exempt Private Activity Revenue Bonds for construction and management of HOT lanes.
- Represented Grupo T-Solar with the sale of a minority equity interest in two projects consisting of two 20 MW PV plants in southern Peru.
- Advised Solarpack Corporación Tecnológica, S.L. in the development and financing of a 19 MW PV solar plant in Moquegua, Peru.

Recent Experience

Winston Represents Ferrovial Airports Holdings US Corp in the Sale of its Membership Interest in Ferrovial Vertiports US LLC and its Subsidiary to Atlantic Aviation Infrastruct...

NTE Mobility Partners Segments 3 LLC US\$275M Senior Financing Transaction

E-Bus Deal Financing in Chile

Winston Represented SQM in Santander/KEXIM Financing

NTE Mobility Partners Segments 3 LLC US\$221M Senior Financing Transaction

Recognitions

- *Chambers & Partners*—*Global* (2008–2025); *Latin America, Projects* (2009–2025); *Europe* (2001–2014); and *USA* (2015–2020)
 - *The Legal 500*—*EMEA* (2009–2014); *Latin America* (2012–2025); and *US* (2023–2024)
 - *Latin Lawyer 250*—Recognized lawyer (2024)
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®—Recognized for Corporate Law (2025)
 - *Lawdragon*—Listed among “500 Leading Energy Lawyers” for Energy Transactions, esp. Cross-Border (2024–2025); “500 Leading Dealmakers in America” for Project Finance, Latin America, and Energy & Infrastructure Finance (2025); and “100 Lawyers You need to Know in South America” for Project Finance, Infrastructure, Finance, and Energy (2025)
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Activities

Throughout his career, Richard has been involved in pro bono projects and is active in fundraising efforts for rare cancer and Parkinson’s Disease research. He has also been a guest lecturer in international finance at the University of Miami School of Law.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Richard received his B.A. in economics from Columbia University in 1988. He received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1992.

ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- New York

LANGUAGES

- Spanish

Related Insights & News

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Winston & Strawn Noted by *Latin Lawyer* as One of the Most Popular International Law Firms in 2024 in Latin America

APRIL 10, 2025

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Winston Attorneys Featured on the 2025 *Lawdragon* 100 Lawyers You Need to Know in South America List
MARCH 21, 2025

SPONSORSHIP

Winston & Strawn Sponsors IJ LATAM 2025
MARCH 10, 2025

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MARCH 6, 2025

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Winston Recognized in *Chambers Global* 2025
FEBRUARY 25, 2025

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Winston Projects Receive Six Accolades at the 2024 P3 Awards
OCTOBER 30, 2024

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OCTOBER 24, 2024

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Winston Partners Recognized on the 2025 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Dealmakers in America List
OCTOBER 22, 2024

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Winston's Latin America Practice Recognized in *Latin Lawyer's* 250 2025
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Helps Political Prisoners Expelled from Nicaragua to File for Asylum
AUGUST 29, 2024

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Winston's Latin America Partners Recognized in *Chambers Latin America* 2025
AUGUST 22, 2024

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Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2025

AUGUST 15, 2024

Capabilities

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Project Finance

Energy

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Energy Transition