

## Laurens Wilkes Discusses Rise in Disputes with *Infrastructure Investor*

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Winston & Strawn partner Laurens Wilkes was quoted in *Infrastructure Investor* to discuss litigation risks and a rise in disputes across the infrastructure space. When combined with rising inflation, more expensive capex, and a concentration of infrastructure spending in fewer, larger projects, some are seeing disputes climb up the list of concerns.

“There are two things that I think are going on right now on the risk side,” Laurens said. “One is your commercial risks, which have been in place for investors for some time but have got more complicated with some of the uncertainty in the markets.” He noted that the result is an ongoing uptick in disputes.

“There’s increased claim activity related to some of the market and government regulation activities, including the [US] government shutdown, and the questions of who is going to bear the risks associated with delays that come out of that,” he said.

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