



# Leslie Jacomino

Associate

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Leslie advises private companies, investment funds, and financial institutions in connection with mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, project financings, joint ventures, and public-private partnerships.

Leslie is currently seconded to the in-house legal department of a client.

Her experience covers a wide range of complex projects, including the acquisition, finance, and development of energy projects, as well as the design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of major highways and toll roads and social infrastructure and transit projects.

Leslie also served as in-house counsel at Cargill, Inc., focusing on mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, and venture investments.

### **Key Matters**

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

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- Representing Cargill, Inc. in connection with the pending US\$4.3B take-private of Nasdaq-listed Sanderson Farms and simultaneous formation of joint venture with Continental Grain and private acquisition of Wayne Farms.
- Representing Cargill, Inc. in connection with Cargill Animal Nutrition's divestiture of its formulation and mill management software platforms.
- Representing Cargill, Inc. in connection with a greenfield joint venture between Cargill Bioindustrials and HELM for the production and distribution of bio-based butanediol.
- Representing Axium Infrastructure in connection with its acquisition, and acquisition financing, of Wind Energy
  Transmission Texas, LLC (WETT), from PSP Investments and Brookfield Infrastructure Partners. WETT owns and
  operates 375 miles of 345 kV transmission lines and six substations across eleven West Texas counties as part of
  the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone program.
- Representing Macquarie Infrastructure Corporation in connection with the sale of its renewable energy portfolio.
- Representing Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. in connection with a US\$450M Note offering.
- Representing an international infrastructure fund in its acquisition of a 400 MW wind portfolio in North America.
- Representing Plenary Properties Purdue, LLC, in connection with a project to develop, design, build, finance, operate, and maintain two new student housing facilities to accommodate approximately 1,300 beds at Purdue University's West Lafayette campus.
- Representing Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. in connection with the issuance of US\$322,512,400 of senior secured notes privately placed with institutional investors, a US\$30M letter of credit facility and a US\$82,125,000 subordinated loan from Build NYC Resource Corporation made from the proceeds of tax-exempt refunding revenue bonds issued by Build NYC Resource Corporation. The proceeds from the financing were used to redeem approximately US\$31M of senior secured bonds issued by Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. in 1997 and 2004, defease US\$307M of tax-exempt industrial revenue bonds issued by the New York City Industrial Development Agency in 1997 and prepay a US\$60M bridge loan.
- Representing Axium Infrastructure in its acquisition of Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P., which owns and operates a 286 MW gas-fired plant that supplies electricity and steam to New York City.
- Representing the lenders, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, New York Branch; MUFG Union Bank, N.A.; and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, in connection with a term loan and letter of credit facility used by John Laing Investments and Cubic Transportation Systems to finance the design, implementation, integration, testing, operations, maintenance, and management of a next-generation fare payment system, including account-based ticketing using mobile and contactless bankcard options, to serve the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's multi-modal regional transit system; the AFC 2.0 Project is the first project delivered by the MBTA as a public-private partnership and the first P3 of its kind in the United States.
- Representing Meridiam Infrastructure, Kiewit Development Company, and Kiewit Meridiam Partners LLC in connection with a project to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the approximately US\$1B Central 70 Project, which consists of improvements to an approximately 10-mile stretch of I-70 East in greater Denver, Colorado from I-25 to Chambers Road, adding one new tolled express lane in each direction, removing the existing viaduct, lowering the highway between Brighton Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard, and placing an approximately four-acre cover over a portion of the lowered highway; the project received the Gold Award as the "Best Road/Bridge/Tunnel Project" and the Gold Award for the "Best Financial Structure" at the 2018 P3 Awards.
- Represented John Laing Investments in connection with its equity investment in a project to develop, design, build, finance, operate, maintain and toll high occupancy/toll lanes (in each direction), access points to the high occupancy/toll lanes and to park and ride facilities, interchanges, new transit and park and ride facilities, and associated facilities along the 22-mile I-66 corridor from I-495 (Capital Beltway) in Fairfax County to US 29 (Gainesville) in Prince William County; the project received the Gold Award as the Best Transportation Project at the 2017 P3 Awards & Conference, the Silver Award as the "Best Road/Bridge/Tunnel Project" at the 2018 P3

Awards and was recognized as the "North American Roads Deal of the Year" at the 2017 IJGlobal Americas Awards.

- Representing the lenders in connection with a term loan and working capital facility to finance the acquisition by AMP Capital Global Infrastructure Fund of ITS ConGlobal, one of North America's largest operators of intermodal railroad and auto terminals, container yard depots, and provider of intermodal equipment maintenance and repair services.
- Representing HICL Infrastructure Company Limited, the listed infrastructure investment company advised by InfraRed Capital Partners Limited, Northleaf Infrastructure Capital Partners LP and Northleaf Infrastructure Capital Partners II LP, and DIF Infrastructure IV Cooperatief UA in connection with the acquisition and financing of Northwest Parkway LLC, which operates the Northwest Parkway, a nine-mile segment of the partial beltway system extending around the Denver metropolitan area, under a 99-year concession and lease agreement with the Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority that was originally granted in 2007, and GO-PASS Mobility Services LLC, which provides certain electronic toll collection systems and services to Northwest Parkway LLC; the transaction was recognized as the "North American M&A Deal of the Year" at the 2017 IJGlobal Americas Awards.
- Representing the lead arrangers and note purchasers in connection with the refinancing of a portfolio of over 20 rooftop solar assets located in California, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.
- Representing an international infrastructure fund in the acquisition of a 110 MW solar portfolio in North America.
- Representing an energy fund in its participation in a consortium acquisition of a 750 MW gas-fired generation facility.
- Representing a pension fund in the acquisition of a 4 GW hydroelectric generation portfolio in ISO-NE valued at US\$1.2B.
- Representing an international infrastructure fund in its refinancing of a 120 MW wind power project.
- Representing the underwriters, Citigroup Global Markets and Barclays Capital Inc., in connection with the issuance
  of senior lien revenue bonds to finance Blueridge Transportation Group, LLC's approximately US\$1.06B project to
  design, build, finance, operate, and maintain tolled lanes and related facilities along a portion of State Highway 288
  in Harris County, Texas.
- Representing Plenary Group USA Concessions and certain affiliates, including Plenary Properties Long Beach LLC, in connection with an approximately US\$550M project in Long Beach, California to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain a new city hall, a new public library, new parking facilities, a revitalized park, and a new headquarters for the Port of Long Beach; the Long Beach Civic Center & Port Headquarters Project is notable because it is the first PPP project procured by a municipality to reach financial close; the project received the Gold Award as the Best Social Infrastructure Project and the prestigious "project of projects" Grand Prix at the 2016 P3 Awards & Conference and was also recognized as the "North America Project Bonds Deal of the Year" at the 2016 IJGlobal Awards.
- Representing an international infrastructure fund in the financing of its acquisition of a 49% interest in a 1 GW
  portfolio of wind projects located throughout the United States.

### Recent Experience

Winston Closes Financing of the Landmark San Juan Bay Cruise Terminals Project

Winston Represents Capital Power Corporation in Two Gas-Fired Generation Facility Acquisitions Totaling US\$1.1B

Axium Infrastructures's Acquisition of a 375-mile Electric Power Transmission System in Texas

### Recognitions

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America, Mergers & Acquisitions Law (2021), Transportation Law (2024–2025)

### Credentials

#### **EDUCATION**

Leslie received her B.S. in Business Administration – Finance from the University of Florida in 2012. She received her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 2015, where she was an articles editor for the *Journal of Law and Business*.

#### **ADMISSIONS**

- Illinois
- New York

## Related Insights & News

- Panelist, "How States and Cities Can Expand their Infrastructure Delivery in Light of a Reduced Federal Role" P3
   Federal Conference, November 28, 2018
- Co-author, "Financing High-Speed Rail in the United States: Parts 1-3," Law360, March 2017

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Advised on Two Winning Projects That Received *IJInvestor* Awards 2024 DECEMBER 19, 2024

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

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

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* ® *in America* 2025 AUGUST 15, 2024

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Advises on Four Winning Deals for *Proximo* America's 2023 "Deals of the Year" MAY 21, 2024

MAY 1, 2024

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Named *IJGlobal*'s 2023 "Legal Advisor of the Year – Infrastructure – North America"

MARCH 14, 2024

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Winston Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® *in America* 2024 AUGUST 17, 2023

#### **CLIENT SUCCESS**

Axium Infrastructure Completes Acquisition of WETT Holdings LLC

JUNE 1, 2023

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2021

AUGUST 20, 2020

#### **NEWS**

Leslie Jacomino Nominated as a "Next Generation" Committee Member by Diversity Agenda OCTOBER 14, 2019

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized at P3 Awards 2019

**OCTOBER 3, 2019** 

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Winston & Strawn Recognized at P3 Awards 2018

OCTOBER 9, 2018

## Capabilities

Project Finance

Mergers & Acquisitions

**Public Companies** 

Infrastructure

Energy

Power & Transmission