

MIG International Ltd · Careers · Credit Enhancement Team · Dubai, DIFC

Senior Legal Counsel — SPV & Structured Finance

Builds and defends the legal architecture that lets MIG's bonds satisfy rating agencies, trustees, and bondholders

Location	Dubai, DIFC (primary base) — remote consideration for exceptional candidates based in New York or London, with regular travel to Dubai
Reports to	Chairman & CEO
Employment Type	Full-time, permanent
Seniority	Senior — minimum 10 years post-qualification, structured/project finance focus

Role Purpose

This role designs and negotiates the SPV, trust indenture, and security structures behind MIG's bond mandates, ensuring each structure satisfies rating-agency covenants, trustee requirements, and applicable AML/anti-corruption standards across the relevant jurisdictions.

Key Responsibilities

- Structure special-purpose vehicles and trust indentures for each bond mandate, coordinating with local counsel in the relevant jurisdiction.
- Review and negotiate PPAs, offtake agreements, and concession documents to ensure they meet MIG's bankability requirements (security, arbitration seat, sovereign immunity waivers, termination compensation).
- Lead AML and anti-corruption review of counterparty payment structures, escalating any provisions that would jeopardise a clean legal opinion or bond issuance.
- Coordinate with rating agencies, trustees, and bond counsel to ensure legal documentation satisfies covenant and disclosure requirements.
- Draft and negotiate engagement letters, term sheets, and guarantee documentation across MIG's bond programme.
- Advise the Chairman & CEO directly on legal risk in counterparty structures, including third-party payment or fee arrangements that could compromise a deal.

Required Qualifications & Experience

- Qualified lawyer with minimum 10 years post-qualification experience, with a substantial structured or project finance practice.
- Direct experience structuring SPVs and trust indentures for rated or ratable bond issuances.
- Strong working knowledge of AML/anti-corruption review as applied to project finance payment structures.
- Experience across multiple jurisdictions, ideally including DIFC or comparable offshore financial centres, and emerging markets in Africa, Asia, or Latin America.
- Fluent English; additional languages relevant to MIG's footprint an advantage.

Desirable

- Experience with DIAC, ICC, LCIA, or HKIAC-seated arbitration clauses in project finance contracts.
- Prior in-house counsel role at a project finance house, DFI, or international law firm's project finance group.

Key Competencies

- Direct and unambiguous in flagging legal risk, including to counterparties, without deferring to commercial pressure to close a deal.
- Comfortable working across multiple legal systems and arbitration regimes concurrently.
- Precise drafting and negotiation skills under deal-timetable pressure.

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