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2018 MVP

# Rohit Chaudhry

Over the past several months, Rohit Chaudhry of Kirkland & Ellis LLP has helped close various project finance deals, including doing the holding company financing on a \$2.4 billion deal that closed in May, earning him a spot as one of *Law360*'s Project Finance MVPs.

## His biggest achievement this year:

Chaudhry said he has worked on various issues since joining Kirkland & Ellis in February, including advising lenders on \$2.4B in holding company financing for Freeport LNG.

Chaudhry said Freeport had three existing LNG projects, each of which was called a "train." Half of the LNG produced by that third train was to be bought by Toshiba, which created problems since Toshiba had financial problems at the time.

"It was great for Freeport because it solved the problem on Train 3 and we had to work with the banks to get them comfortable with the holding company structure to be able to do the financing," Chaudhry said.

## Why he's a project finance attorney:

Chaudhry said project finance is an exciting area of work where every deal is different because the geography differs. He said working on a deal in the United States would be different than a deal in Latin America or in Africa, so there is always a new and exciting challenge.

"The types of technologies on these projects are different; solar versus wind versus thermal projects, and each of those creates its own unique challenges," he said. "And then ultimately what you're trying to do is bring parties with different interests to one common point to get a deal closed, and that's exciting."

## What motivates him:

Chaudhry said he enjoys solving problems for his clients and solving problems to get deals closed.

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**His advice for junior attorneys:**

Lawyers spend long hours on their job, he said, and they work very hard, so it is important for them to love what they do and to pick an area they are passionate about.

“I would say think long and hard about the type of work you want to do,” he said. “And then, once you figure out what you want to do, dedicate yourself to that area of law.”

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