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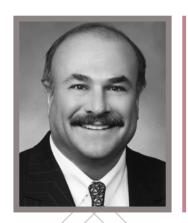




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## PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

Clint Vince is rated as one of the leading energy lawyers in the US and has directed the expansion of the Dentons US Energy team into a premier practice that includes professionals spanning the continent coast-to-coast, offering a full range of services to energy industry clients. He is widely recognised for his cutting-edge theories and solutions within the energy industry and has a top-tier litigation track record. He is also co-chair of the global transportation & infrastructure sector practice. Recently, he created the groundbreaking Dentons Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank and he is one of the industry leaders on this subject.

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#### What do you consider to be your major career achievements?

▶ I have the privilege of co-leading the largest and strongest energy practice in the world. We have repeatedly been recognised as energy firm of the year and most dynamic energy practice; I have been recognised as a trailblazer and an innovator. I have also held leadership positions on numerous global policy think tanks. But my most significant achievements by far include the talented, diverse and unified team we have built and the important, often groundbreaking, work we have done for clients who have been with us for several decades. Some of our best work has been in moments of crisis, such as helping the City of New Orleans rebuild its entire electric and gas systems in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, or in the middle of systemic change, such as cutting-edge projects at the forefront of the current energy transition.

## Are you active in any programmes or initiatives within your organisation? To what extent have you found this work rewarding and fulfilling?

♦ I had the honour of founding and now co-chairing the Dentons Smart Cities & Connected Communities Think Tank, which addresses the extreme need for modernisation of physical, digital and social infrastructure to cope with the accelerating urban migration that is taking place globally. Additionally, in just over a decade, we expanded our relatively small US-centric energy practice into a global powerhouse with over 1200 professionals. I most value the extraordinary diversity of our practice and the promotion and meaningful inclusion and support of individuals with a broad array of backgrounds and experience. I have mentored excellent lawyers at Dentons and beyond, and I enjoy championing them as they rise in their careers. I also have deeply valued the opportunity to serve in leadership positions with prestigious organisations, including the World





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Resources Institute, the Aspen Institute, the Energy Futures Initiative and the Keystone Policy Center, among others.



Reflecting on your area of expertise, how do you see this sphere of the market shaping up over the coming months? Are any exciting trends or developments on the horizon?

This is the most exciting time that I have practised law in the energy and infrastructure sectors in more than four decades. The current era of accelerated change and confluence of major trends - climate change, turbulent weather, the clean energy transition, global threats to energy security including cyber physical intrusion and actual warfare including Putin's 'energy warfare', changing attitudes toward corporate responsibility for sustainability and good governance, shifting trends in globalism and geopolitical realignments, serious supply chain issues, exponential population growth, and dramatic developments in technology and innovation including artificial intelligence - have made the energy sector both a dynamic and dangerous place to work. Add to this the rapid expansion of distributed energy resources, increased efficiency and conservation measures, electric vehicles and demand-side participation in traditionally vertically integrated markets, and every day of my professional life brings new and important challenges that affect the daily lives of people around the globe.

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### REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Lead legal counsel and member of H2DI, the Strategy Board for a Clean Hydrogen Consortium, working with the US DoE to design and implement demand markets for the hydrogen industry.
- Lead regulatory and transactional counsel for Alternative Transmission Inc. in connection with proposed construction of an undersea cable to transmit electricity from the US mainland to Puerto Rico.
- Assists major utility-scale solar developer with the development of numerous cutting-edge renewable energy projects.
- ◆ Lead strategic adviser to Anterix in connection with its role in the modernisation of communications in the nation's critical infrastructure sectors.
- Direct report to the chief executive of CPS Energy for strategic development and litigation matters and assistance with CPS Energy's groundbreaking smart cities initiative.
- Represent some of the largest corporations in Japan, assisting them in navigating the US energy industry.
- Outside general counsel for Gridwise Alliance, advising more than 40 industry leaders who support grid modernisation as a transition to a clean energy economy.

