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Personal Details

Nationality - British

Profession - Lawyer

Specialisations Private Sector Participation

Regulatory Reform

Land Reform

Institutional Restructuring

Poverty Reduction

Legislative Reviews/Drafting

Position in Firm - Director, European Consulting Services

Years with Firm - 15

Key Qualifications

- Elizabeth Jones is a lawyer and private sector development specialist **with extensive expertise in legal and regulatory reform, institutional strengthening, capacity building** and project coordination and management;
- Senior legal consultant with extensive experience in development programs and projects, in developing countries and transitional contexts Her international experience includes **over 10 years' experience working on projects** conducted in Jordan, Vietnam, Pakistan, Zambia, Southern Africa, Rwanda, Nepal & Sri Lanka for a range of donor agencies, including the World Bank, ADB, EU & DFID. **She has over 20 years private sector experience, including work on infrastructure projects in the Middle & Far East, South & West Africa, & South America;**
- Experienced in **international best practices in law and policy making and public/private dialogue** in government structures, and capacity building to support consultative, accountable government decision-making;
- Hands-on experience working with beneficiaries in institutional capacity building, consulting and advisory experience on: public sector reform; financial, trade and structural reforms; as well as on **developing an enabling environment for the private sector. Impact of legislation on the public sector and on private sector development;**
- Capacity building in regulatory impact assessment and effective advocacy and public/private dialogue. Experience in **conducting coaching activities and training** lawyers in a number of legal and institutional development issues.
- Experienced **legal drafter** working on policy and law reform to promote private sector development and investment

Education and Professional Status LLB (Hons), Southampton University ; MA (Business Law), Guildhall University; Member, Law Society of England & Wales ; Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ; Member British Institute of International & Comparative Law; Member, International Bar Association; management course INSEAD France.

Other Skills (e.g. Computer literacy, etc):

Word Processing,Powerpoint etc

Mediation/ADR - Board Member Centre for Dispute Resolution

Negotiating skills

Management -past experience as Director of main operating subsidiary of small PLC

SMEs - past experience as MD of two

Language Ability English – mother tongue; French – good; Italian - basic

Experience Record /Professional History:

1994 - present: Director, European Consulting Services; Consultancy set up in JV with major Uk construction consultancy to structure & advise on international projects accessing funding from EU/development bank sources. Work in Southern Africa, E Europe, Far East.

1991 - 93 :Group Legal Adviser, High-Point plc, (Rendell Palmer & Tritton) consulting engineers; Legal advice on all aspects of the affairs of an international construction/projects consultancy with subsidiaries in USA, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, etc .Experience of World Bank/ADB funding procedures/projects/BOTs etc

1988 – 1990: Senior Assistant Solicitor, major City of London Solicitors;

1973 - 1983: Taylor Woodrow Group Legal Dept - senior commercial lawyer

Project Experience

Feb – Mar 2008: Int Legal Advisor in EU funded TA for Executive Privatisation Commission of Jordan dealing with tenders for BOT/BOOT infrastructure projects being let by the Government of Jordan or its agencies. The work involved finalizing documents & negotiating with bidders on a number of international tenders for water & other infrastructure projects working with Jordanian government officials in different ministries & other agencies.

Sept 2006 – Feb 2007: Int PPP expert on ADB funded project in Vietnam working with engineering consultants to identify private funding solutions for a proposed motorway network for Vietnam.

May- Dec 2006: Int legal expert on EU funded comparative study on WTO access standards for China & EU countries for British Standards Institute carried out in parallel with study of EU practice by Chinese experts.

Sept 2005 – Jan 2006 - Pakistan : Int legal expert on ADB team carrying out project preparation for setting up of two corporate agencies designed to act as catalysts for increased private participation in infrastructure.

Sept- Dec 2003-Sri Lanka: Institutional Restructuring Int Legal Adviser with regard to an ADB funded restructuring project for the Tea Industry. Extensive legislative review in tandem with local experts, new legislation drafted & new structures proposed for tea-related institutions as part of an overall reform programme for the sector, taking account of the needs of small producers & the private sector.

Feb - April 2003- Zambia: Privatisation of Water Sector Legal Adviser on a technical assistance project to advise the existing water and sanitation sector regulator in Zambia, as part of this World Bank funded project.

Jan - Feb 2003 - Rwanda Legal Adviser for Infrastructure Framework Report for World Bank in Rwanda. Emphasis on changes needed to existing laws to encourage international private sector participation in development of infrastructure .

1999 - 2004 -Rwanda: Tea Sector Privatisation Legal Expert with the ASI team that undertook a project to design and implement a privatisation strategy for the tea sector in Rwanda funded by World Bank

Sept - Dec 1999 - Zimbabwe: Privatisation Capacity Building; Legal adviser on ASI's DFID funded project in Zimbabwe to build capacity for the Privatisation Agency

Oct 1999 - Namibia: Water Privatisation; Legal advice re a DFW funded PFI contract for new water treatment plant in Namibia involving recycling of wastewater of Windhoek town.

1998 - 2001 - Nepal: Privatisation of Water Supply for Kathmandu : Provided extensive legal input into this three year water regulation and privatisation project, funded by the World Bank. Main role was advising on the structure of & documentation for the privatisation of the water and sanitation sector supply for Kathmandu.

1998 - Private Finance for Infrastructure: Project work for Costain plc including advice on BOT projects in Malaysia, and also analysis of & advice on tenders in Singapore and Hong Kong, Bahamas & Middle East including Hong Kong MRT project with a particular emphasis on risk management/ exposure & workability of contract structure. Advice also given on proposed & existing BOT & PFI contracts in Middle East & Africa. Joint venture & company formation agreements, sub contracts & ancillary documentation all reviewed & advice given/ drafts provided.

1994 - 97 Southern Africa : Conducted legal and contractual review of various re-housing project, consulted with Ministry officials and the Development Bank of Southern Africa regarding project financing. Involvement in discussions on Maputo corridor, Johannesburg MRT projects.& privatisation of military airport in NE of country. Conducted stakeholder consultations with DBSA EU,CDC and private banks.

1993-98 Projects in Eastern Europe; Hungary - EU funded JV project to set up training programme for building standards in the Region; CIS - Formation of Russian/UK JV co to manage running of privatised Russian state construction etc cos; Russia - building contracts for property development in St Petersburg; Poland -work on various projects for Polish Local Authorities for funding under the Ouverture programme; Poland - Sewerage Plant BOT. Provided contractual advice on the privatisation of a sewerage plant on behalf of one of the private sector bidders funded by EBRD; Russia - redevelopment project for regional airport & surrounding areas; Russia - work with Russian regional business grouping on setting up JVs /licensing arrangements with EU cos to be funded under Tacis programme/ODA; - work re oil/transport project in Far E involving Japanese/US oil cos

1993-4 Private Sector Infrastructure Projects; Advice in connection with numerous PSP infrastructure contracts in Far East & South America including Hub River, NW Pakistan Hydro

power project, River Plate Bridge, Padarang Toll Road (Indonesia) for High-Point PLC/
Rendell Palmer & Tritton

1991- 3 -Malaysia and Singapore: Dispute Resolution Advised on a major dispute in Malaysia relating to Japanese/Malay JV leisure project. Conducted approximately six visits to Malaysia and Singapore to consult with some 50 international creditors to oppose winding up petition in Malay courts. Also negotiated with principals, advising on RICOH proceedings in US and litigation in BVI and Malaysia.

1991-3 -Hong Kong/Singapore: Overseas Restructuring Supported the restructuring of employer's overseas subsidiary companies including JV companies in Malaysia, Singapore, USA, Indonesia and elsewhere, with holding and subsidiary companies operating out of Jersey, working with local lawyers and accountants. Substantial tax and company law issues needed to be tackled

UK:1991-3- Alternative Dispute Resolution; Acted as Board Member of CBI sponsored (Confederation of British Industry) dispute resolution body, CEDR.

1973 - 83 Infrastructure Projects Provided legal advice & drafted contracts & ancillary documentation for the proposed construction of major infrastructure by Taylor Woodrow; Responsible for drafting & advising on tenders & ancillary documentation for numerous contracts including Turnkey, Management & supplier/purchaser finance worldwide. Analysis of tenders & advice on risk identification & management. Drafting & negotiating joint venture & company formation agreements & all pre & post contract documentation.

Publications: Publications include Conference papers from King's College London Centre for Construction Law & Management - jointly edited with John Uff QC; Partnerships & Corporations Law in Turkey - Kluwer (edited)

Prof/Academic posts: These include: Associate Research Fellow; Institute of Advanced Legal Studies University of London 1993-6; Member London Court of International Arbitration European Council 1990-92; Rapporteur Committee T International Bar Association conference Hong Kong 1991; Speaker at IBA conference Cannes France 1992.