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What we say about the firm's legal practice in Bangladesh

Banking and finance

Within [Banking and finance](#),

Rising to the top tier this year, **Doulah & Doulah** advises a client list boasting international commercial and investment banks on secured transactions and credit facilities, with a particular strength in project finance transactions. Recently the firm worked on a US\$30m syndicated financing arrangement for Grameenphone Ltd, a Norwegian-controlled cell phone network provider, and has provided advice to ABN Amro, Citibank and New York Bank of Mellon on banking transactions in Bangladesh.

Managing partner Badrud Doulah is the primary contact at the firm and is regularly asked to consult on World Bank projects. The firm has also been appointed legal counsel to Morgan Stanley in respect of its investment proposals in Bangladesh.

Corporate and M&A

Within [Corporate and M&A](#),

Doulah & Doulah places a heavy emphasis on corporate law and senior partner Shamsud Doulah is the notable corporate figure at the practice. The firm advises a list of clients that includes Hewlett-Packard, Samsung and Toyota on joint ventures, inward investment and regulatory matters. Recent highlights for the firm include acting for General Electric Commercial Aviation Service on the sub-leasing of aircraft to local company GMG Airlines, as well as the restructuring of a Bangladesh energy subsidiary. It also works with international firm **Allen & Overy LLP**, most recently liaising with its Tokyo office to advise NEC Corporation on local employment issues. In addition the firm acts as a regular consultant to World Bank and has recently been appointed consultant to the Corporate Governance Assessment project. The project began in July 2007 and ended June 2008 and explored the role of international standards on local financial and corporate practices.

Dispute resolution

Within [Dispute resolution](#),

Doulah & Doulah's litigation practice has received some significant instructions over the past twelve months - the firm is acting for Pershing Securities in a hearing before the Security Exchange Commission Tribunal in Bangladesh, and is acting for a US power company in an anti-corruption case. The firm also has a growing profile in ADR having represented British American Tobacco and Eagle Star Insurance in arbitration proceedings.

Intellectual property

Within [Intellectual property](#),

Doulah & Doulah's IP practice is widely regarded as one of the strongest in the country. Senior partner Shamsud Doulah oversees the IP team, which has the capacity to handle trade mark and patent registration as well as complex enforcement and infringement issues. Recent highlights include successfully defending Nokia's trade mark at a tribunal in Bangladesh and acting for Heinz in a trade mark assignment case. The firm has also been acting for Casio and KFC on large-scale counterfeit prevention.

Projects and energy

Within [Projects and energy](#),

Doulah & Doulah's projects practice is primarily focused on the energy and telecoms sectors. In the former, the firm has experience working on the Khulna, Haripur and Baghabari barge-mounted power-plant projects as well as advising Saipem SpA, an Italian oil and gas contractor, on the North South gas pipeline project. The firm has acted for international telecoms companies, including Siemens AG, on various local telecoms projects; it also benefits from a good relationship with the World Bank.

Real estate and construction

Within [Real estate and construction](#),

In the last twelve months **Doulah & Doulah's** construction and real estate practice has been advising on the construction of a thermal power plant for South Korean company POSCO Engineering and Construction, as well as on local property acquisitions for Real Estate Investment Trusts, a Malaysian company.



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Implementation of Energy Performance of Buildings Directive in Ireland

Energy efficiency has been topping the agenda of most governments in recent years. Following the Kyoto Protocol, a greater impetus has been seen at a European level and by national governments to comply with obligations under the protocol. In late 2000 the European Council, endorsing the European Commission's Action Plan on Energy Efficiency, requested that specific measures be adopted in the building sector, as it has been shown that buildings play a major part in the consumption of energy.

- Dillon Eustace

Important Changes to Authorisation Process for Irish Domiciled Qualifying Investor Funds

The Irish Funds Industry Association has announced this afternoon a hugely significant and extremely positive change in the authorization process for Irish domiciled qualifying investor funds ("QIFs").

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Incorporation of a Company under the Irish Companies Acts 1963-2006

The Companies Acts 1963-2006 (the "Companies Acts") provide the statutory framework for the life of

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Financial Regulatory Authorisation: Doorway or Barrier to the Irish Market?

The Financial Regulator is an Irish statutory body established by the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland Act, 2003 ("the Act"). The Act sets out inter alia the powers and duties of the regulator in respect of the authorization and supervision of financial service and insurance service providers.

- Dillon Eustace

Funds and Financial Services Dispute Resolution

The Irish funds industry has over the past twenty years established itself at the forefront on the global funds industry. Ireland is one of the few locations worldwide where investment funds are established, managed and serviced in a regulated environment. The wide range of fund structures available in Ireland has facilitated the growth of the industry and US\$1.2 trillion worth of assets are currently

Shipping

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Doulah & Doulah's Chittagong office has the capacity to handle shipping matters, with a particular emphasis on freight and shipping litigation.

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administered in Ireland.

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Green Light for Green Cards

The financial services sector has over the past twenty years been one of the pillars of the Irish economy while it has enjoyed unprecedented growth. Since its inception the investment funds industry alone has funds under management with a net asset value in excess of one trillion Euro. Having experienced 35% growth in 2005 and in excess of 20% during 2006 the growth is set to continue during 2007. There are currently over 9,000 people employed in the investment funds industry in Ireland and this combined with increased employment levels in other financial services areas reaffirms the importance of the sector to the Irish economy.

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Hedge Fund Developments in 2006

There have been a number of significant international developments since last year including the publication in July, 2006 of the Report of the Alternative Investment Expert Group (the "Expert Group's Report") under the auspices of the European Commission as envisaged by its Green Paper on the Enhancement of the EU framework for Investment Funds published in July, 2005, the decision of a U.S. federal appeals court to strike down the SEC's Rule 203(b)(3)-1(d) containing the "hedge fund amendments" to the Investment Advisors Act, 1940, and recent market data released showing the state of health of the hedge fund industry as a whole.

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How do the Nitrates Regulations affect Farmers'

On November 14th last it became public knowledge that the EU Nitrates Committee¹ had approved a derogation to the annual amount of livestock manure applied to land established in the Nitrates Directive² for Ireland. However, the Commission's Decision on the derogation has not yet been published. This Article will focus on the contents of the European Communities (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2006 ("Nitrates Regulations") which implement the Nitrates Directive. Most of the provisions of the Regulations are already in force.

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European Accession & Direct Effect

By Yiannos Georgiades As of 1 May 2004, Cyprus, together with nine other countries, has been a full member of the European Union.

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Legal incentives and guarantees for tourism investment in Mozambique

The Partnership for Mozambique, formed by law firms PLMJ and

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