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I am a Partner in Energy and Natural Resources at Fieldfisher, specialising in policy and legal issues relating to low carbon energy and the Zero Carbon agenda.

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An energy and infrastructure lawyer with 10 years' experience, I advise international and domestic clients on project development work in the energy sector, including conventional (coal and gas) and low carbon (nuclear and renewables) power projects.

I have particular expertise in construction law in the energy industry, including advising on industry-standard forms as well as bespoke forms of EPC and O&M contracts, and associated ancillary commercial agreements.

I bring a blended private practice and in-house background, having spent the last five years in EDF Energy's Generation legal team. My role at EDF involved managing an experienced team of lawyers in delivering support to EDF's fleet of nuclear, coal and gas-fired stations, as well as its gas storage sites and renewables investments. I was also Company Secretary of the Thermal business division.

Having worked in-house for several years, I have a broad understanding of the key areas of law applicable to, and regulatory requirements of, energy companies and how external counsel can add the best value. As a Company Secretary, I also appreciate the operational and strategic pressures facing a board of directors.

My perspectives on decarbonising energy have been published in leading

publications, including [Petroleum Review, July 2020](#) (published by the Energy Institute).

I have two young children, so my spare time is spent climbing trees and dodging arrows. When time allows, I enjoy running, rugby and dreaming of the days when I can travel again.

What others say...

“ It is thoroughly enjoyable working with Hugo even through challenging legal and commercial issues. His approach is relaxed and engaging, but he engenders confidence and is a diligent lawyer ”

FINANCE DIRECTOR - GENERATION, EDF ENERGY

David Tomblin

“ Hugo’s strength is in his ability to deliver pragmatic solutions. He truly understands the client needs and expertly delivers legal solutions with clarity and simplicity ”

GENERAL COUNSEL, HPC & NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, EDF ENERGY

Claire Gooding