



Duane Morris attorneys have extensive experience advising clients in a wide range of legal matters related to business development and investment in the Caribbean and surrounding countries and territories, including Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Jamaica. The firm's international presence enables us to efficiently and effectively respond to evolving legal, political and economic issues that affect clients' businesses.

RANGE OF SERVICES

- » Construction and Engineering
- » Corporate Law
- » Cross-Border Matters
- » Customs and International Trade
- » Emergency Response and Disaster Planning
- » Energy/Renewable Energy
- » International Arbitration
- » International Law
- » Litigation
- » Mergers & Acquisitions
- » Municipal and Project Finance
- » Project Development
- » Regulatory Law
- » Restructuring

ACCOLADES

Chambers AND PARTNERS

Chambers Global 2025 ranks **MILES PLASKETT** in General Business Law - U.S. Virgin Islands.

"Miles Plaskett of Duane Morris is an esteemed practitioner who operates a geographically wide-reaching practice from his Miami base. Covering the USA, the Caribbean and Latin America, he offers counsel to clients on energy and infrastructure development projects, including matters related to financing." Sources tell Chambers Global that "Miles Plaskett is a great lawyer who is very well regarded."

EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES

Our attorneys assist clients with a wide range of disaster planning and rebuilding issues, including infrastructure improvements, identifying and implementing government subsidies and advising on obstacles to rebuilding and growth such as challenges posed by environmental remediation and zoning requirements.

JURISDICTIONS OF EXPERIENCE

The Caribbean region is unique. The region as a whole and each of the jurisdictions within it face particular challenges, but also offer rare opportunities. Our team's strength and breadth of knowledge and experience in the region - having advised clients on numerous corporate, commercial, energy and infrastructure projects and disputes, covering the substantial majority of islands - allows us to assist our clients to maximize each opportunity and successfully navigate each challenge.

Our attorneys have extensive experience acting on significant infrastructure projects in the region to develop airports and roads throughout jurisdictions such as: **Anguilla, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, St. Lucia and Suriname.**

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented **GOLDMAN SACHS LENDING PARTNERS** in a \$700 million Senior Secured First Lien Term Loan Facility and \$50 million Senior Secured First Lien Revolving Facility together with other security, credit, hedging and financing, resulting in an aggregate principal financing estimated to be \$1.1 billion, with funding to be used to restart an oil refinery in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Continued as Virgin Islands counsel to increase the credit facility to \$1.5 billion and to amend the mortgage to reflect the credit increase.
- Assisted a major U.S. bank in a (i) private equity investment of \$12.5 million in a Jamaican company with subsidiaries in Anguilla, Antigua, Barbados, Grenada, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Guatemala, Panama, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Trinidad, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and other countries in the Central America and the Caribbean, and (ii) a Subordinated Loan Agreement to provide such Jamaican company and its subsidiaries with a term loan facility of up to \$49 million.
- Advised a main contractor on claims against a Danish insurer relating to various credit insurance policies. The underlying project concerned civil engineering highway works in the Caribbean, and the dispute was settled prior to trial on terms the client found favourable.
- Represented U.S.-based financial institution in financing to **JPS, INC.**, in connection with the expansion of the Jamaican power company's local infrastructure, with support from the U.S. Export-Import Bank under the Credit Guarantee Facility program.

- ▶ Acted for a U.K.-based contractor in relation to the redevelopment of a significant part of the dilapidated road network on a Caribbean island after completion was delayed by over 18 months for reasons outside the client's control. Worked closely with delay and quantum experts to present client's case to the local government through a conciliation process and secured a settlement that the client found highly favourable.
- ▶ Counsel to major New York investment bank with regard to its underwriting of a \$50 million bond financing deal for the Water and Power Authority of the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- ▶ Negotiated a PPA on behalf of the **VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY** for procurement of power from a cogeneration plant.
- ▶ Negotiating PPAs on behalf of the **VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY** to procure electricity from two large-scale solar projects with two developers.
- ▶ Prepared and negotiated PPA on behalf of the **VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY** for procurement of electricity from a biofuel generating plant.
- ▶ Advised a large institutional investor in its \$1.3 billion investment in **FREEPORT LNG's** \$4 billion construction project to build the first two trains of its natural gas liquefaction and LNG loading facility on Quintana Island near Freeport, Texas.
- ▶ Counsel to a major New York investment bank with regard to its underwriting of \$94 million in rum tax-based Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority Revenue Bonds.
- ▶ Counsel to a Swiss investment bank with regard to its underwriting of approximately \$220 million in gross receipts tax-based Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority Revenue Bonds.
- ▶ Counsel to a major New York investment bank with regard to its underwriting of approximately \$460 million in rum tax-based Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority Revenue Bonds.



- ▶ Provided complete review and analysis on an ongoing basis for large Caribbean LNG projects and associated electric generation and related pipelines.
- ▶ Representation of U.S.- and Latin America-based lenders in trade finance transactions supported by the U.S. Export-Import Bank, other export credit agencies and private insurers. Transactions routinely require obtaining security interest in foreign countries.
- ▶ Representation of U.S. agency in multiple project finance transactions for small- and medium-sized enterprises in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Asia.
- ▶ Representation of investment fund in acquisition and development of renewable energy projects in Brazil and other countries in South America, including wind generation, small hydroelectric power plants and biomass facilities.

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Las Vegas	Washington, D.C.
Los Angeles	Wilmington

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Myanmar	

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- > Alliances in Mexico and throughout Latin America
- > Leadership position with international network of independent law firms

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