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Experience

- *International law*
- *Structured & project finance in the Middle East*
- *Investment in Iraq*
- *Reconstruction Industries in Iraq*
- *Petroleum and Natural Gas Law*

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AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

- General Corporate
- Structured and Project Finance
- Public International Law
- Middle East/Investment in Iraq

EXPERIENCE

Thomas W. Donovan is partner of the Iraq Law Alliance, PLLC and divides his time between the firm's offices in Basrah, Baghdad and Erbil – Kurdistan Region. His experience centers on petroleum and natural gas law and the surrounding corporate, employment, immigration and customs issues. He also has considerable amount of experience public international law, general international investment concerning Iraq and structured and project finance. Mr. Donovan has published extensively on the judicial and political system of Iraq and been a frequent commentator on media broadcasts concerning the development of the Iraqi economy, petroleum production and exploration, and general domestic political issues within Iraq.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Participating as the sole international attorney on numerous bid round negotiations with the Ministry of Oil on behalf of several international companies.
- Conducting due diligence investigations on behalf of a major international energy generation corporation for large scale roll out of Iraqi operations, in conjunction with the corporate establishment operations and advising on corporate activities going forward.
- Advising a large international arms procurement transaction with a major international corporation and an Iraqi state owned entity.
- On behalf of a major international oil company advised on legal and contractual issues in the negotiation of a technical services contract with the Ministry of Oil and the South Oil Company.
- Litigation on behalf of a major international energy corporation for issues surrounding the enforcement of judgments concerning the Republic of Iraq and the Kurdistan region.
- On behalf of major international oil company drafting of transactional documents, Joint Venture Agreements, petroleum off loading agreements, and shipping arrangements for transaction concerning parastatal corporate entity within Iraq.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Washington State Bar Association
- Western District of Washington Bar Association
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Chinese Dragon in Iraq: China Expands its Participation in Major Infrastructure Projects,” *Eye on Iraq Magazine*, Issue IV August 2010.
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- "The American Immigration System: A Structural Change with a Different Emphasis," *International Journal of Refugee Law*, Oxford University Press, vol. 17, no. 3, 2005.
- "Challenges to the Territorial Integrity of Guyana," *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*, with forward by former United States President Jimmy Carter. vol. 32. no. 3, 2004.
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- Co-authored with David R. Minikel, "Debunking False Impressions About Detention Center," *The Tacoma News Tribune*, June 17, 2004.
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- "Tribal Courts' 'Victory' Might be an Illusion," *The Tacoma News Tribune*, April 25, 2004.
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the Sea Against Suriname for Disputed Maritime Boundary," *American Society of International Law Insights*, April 2004.

- "The French Guiana - Suriname Boundary Dispute at the Itany - Marouni Triangle," *The Journal of Caribbean History*, vol. 38:2, 2004.
- "The Marouni River Tract and its Colonial Legacy in South America," *Chicago-Kent Journal of International Law*, vol. 4, Spring 2004.
- "Suriname - Guyana Maritime and Territorial Disputes: A Legal and Historical Analysis," *Journal of Transnational Law and Policy*, Florida State University College of Law, vol. 13, Fall 2003.
- "Jurisdictional Relationships Between Nations and their Former Colonies," *Across Borders International Law Journal*, 2003.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2003 - Juris Doctorate, New York Law School

2002 - Tulane University Institute of European Law at the Universiteit van Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

1998 - Masters of Arts (MA), American University, School of International Service, Washington D.C.

1997 - Bachelor of Arts (BA), American University, School of International Service, Washington, D.C.

1996 - Arabic Language Institute, American University in Cairo, Cairo Egypt

1994 - Arabic Language Institute, Georgetown University

1993 – Bellarmine Preparatory School, Tacoma, WA

1991 - Semiha Sakir Ozel Deneme Lycee, Istanbul, Turkey

INTERESTS

Tom is most proud of completing two solo trans-continental bicycle rides. One from Tacoma, WA to New York City (29 days in 2002) and one from Perth, Western Australia to Sydney, New South Wales (30 days in 2007). Tom is also a PADI Certified Scuba Divemaster.

LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

- Arabic - Fluent
- Dutch – Fluent
- Turkish – proficient

FEAUTERED IN THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES

- “Getting Down to Business in Iraq: International Investment After the Withdrawal.” Presentation at the Middle East Institute, Washington, DC, June 29, 2010.
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