COUNSELLORS AT LAW



Maher Sasongko

Partner

Background

Maher has been with ABNR since 2011 and was made partner in January 2023. He is lauded as a "Next Generation Partner" for Banking & Finance by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, which also recommends him for Projects & Energy, "Rising Star Partner" for Banking and Project Finance by IFLR 1000 and was named an "Indonesia Rising Star 2024" by *Asian Legal Business* (ALB).

His main areas of professional practice encompass **banking and finance, project finance and development, mergers and acquisitions (M&A)**, and **foreign direct investment (FDI)**.

In **banking and finance**, he regularly handles both onshore and offshore financing as well as asset securitization. Recent work includes assisting PT Bank KB Bukopin Tbk in its IDR500 billion financing to PT SK Plasma Core Indonesia; international lenders the International Finance Corporation in its USD150 million loan to an Indonesian state-owned bank; international lenders in their USD2.05 billion financing for PT Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur Tbk; and international lenders in their USD200 million loan to an Indonesian pulp and paper company. In asset securitization, he handled securitization of cash loan agreements by means of risk funded participation and currently involves in the formation of collective investment contract over e-commerce loans.

Maher was also a member of the steering committee for the development and launch of an English law-governed Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA) standardised legal template for Indonesian offshore loans.

In **project finance and development**, he has and continues to advise lenders on project financing, including Cirebon Expansion Project, Muara Laboh and Rantau Dedap Geothermal Projects, Kalsel Coal-Fired Power Plant, and Tayan Bauxite Plant Project in West Kalimantan. He is currently assisting the lenders in the Muara Laboh Expansion (Unit 2) Geothermal Projects, Korean sponsor in the development of hydro power plant (250 MW) in Sumatera, Indonesia, as well as government of Indonesia and international lenders in public-private partnership development projects.

Maher was a key member of the ABNR team that handled the Indonesian law aspects of **M&A** deals in various sectors, including: (i) advising FKS group on the sale of coal hauling and terminal company in Kalimantan, Indonesia; (ii) advising on the merger of ride-hailing entity Uber's Southeast Asia operations with Grab Inc. and (iii) advising Fullerton Health Group on investment from PT Pyfa Investama Medika in multiple healthcare facilities in Indonesia.

In **FDI**, Maher has advised on many aspects of doing business for foreign investors in Indonesia,

ABNR
COUNSELLORS AT LAW

including use of the government's recently established online investment licensing portal (OSS), and regulatory and compliance issues. His recent FDI assignments include advice to a UK company on how to establish a local waste processing company, and similarly to a French company for a local technical services business.

Maher graduated in 2011 from Padjadjaran University, Bandung, where he majored in International Law. In 2015, he earned an LL.M degree with merit in International Commercial Law from University College London (UCL), England.

Professional Membership	Indonesian Bar Association (Peradi)
Citizenship	Indonesian
Language	Indonesian English
Email	msasongko@abnrlaw.com