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Bill Magennis has worked as a lawyer in Asia for almost 20 years, in Hong Kong, Vietnam and Korea. During this time, he has worked on some of the biggest resource and energy projects in the region.

Bill gained a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of Melbourne in 1972 and completed his articles with the Melbourne firm of Ellison Hewison & Whitehead in 1973. After being admitted in 1974, Bill moved to Phillips Fox and became a partner at that firm in 1978.

In 1985, he was seconded for four years to Hong Kong as a partner in the firm D.W.Ling & Co. and Holman Fenwick and Willan. During this time, he was responsible for the work of those firms in banking and litigation in Hong Kong and joint ventures in China.

Bill returned to Phillips Fox in Melbourne in 1989. He was Chairman of Partners in 1991-92 and managed several large litigation cases, including acting for the insurers of the auditors of Tricontinental Bank in connection with the Royal Commission investigating the collapse of that bank and subsequent litigation involving the auditors. In 1993, Bill moved to Hanoi to establish Phillips Fox's first office in Vietnam. During his 14 years in Vietnam, Bill has acted as lead legal adviser on some of Vietnam's biggest projects, including for BP on the Nam Con Son gas pipeline and Phu My 3 'BOT' power plant project.

Bill's areas of legal expertise include energy, resources, financing, construction, corporate and banking.

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