

## **T H O M A S   V E G A - B Y R N E S**

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Thomas Vega-Byrnes, LLC, The Monadnock Building, 53 West Jackson Boulevard,  
Suite 1057, Chicago IL 60604, Tel 312-360-1562, Fax 312-360-1607  
Mobile 773-230-0228, [tyb@vegabyrnes.com](mailto:tyb@vegabyrnes.com), <http://www.vegabyrnes.com/>

Thomas Vega-Byrnes is a Chicago-based attorney with broad country and industry sector experience in international transactions. He provides assistance to a wide range of clients throughout the United States and abroad, including Fortune 500 companies, major commercial and financial institutions, governments and governmental entities, as well as small and midsize companies.

Mr. Vega-Byrnes has represented project finance lenders, sponsors, equipment suppliers and contractors, advising on and negotiating project and financing agreements for electric power plants, chemical plants and airports, and advising, negotiating and settling disputes arising out of such projects. He has advised on traditional limited or non-recourse lending as well as structured financing of such projects. In addition to project finance, Mr. Vega-Byrnes advises commercial lenders on international secured lending, and represents clients in international mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures. He also assists multinationals with planning and documenting the corporate law aspects of international reorganizations and restructurings for tax planning purposes.

Mr. Vega-Byrnes is fluent in Spanish, proficient in Portuguese, has a working knowledge of French and Italian, and a basic knowledge of Japanese and Chinese. He has studied the laws of the major Latin America jurisdictions, and has dealt with many corporate and financial legal issues arising in Continental Europe and the English-law based countries.

Mr. Vega-Byrnes was a partner at Winston & Strawn in Chicago from 1998 to 2002, working with the Project Finance and Leasing Practice Groups. From 1990 to 1998, he was an associate at Baker & McKenzie's Chicago office in the Latin America Practice Group, doing international M&A in Latin America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Basin. From 1993 to 1994, Mr. Vega-Byrnes worked in the Monterrey, Mexico office of B&M, on Mexican real estate and

construction projects, corporate and labor matters. He also did an International Clerkship in the firm's Mexico City office in 1989.

Mr. Vega-Byrnes received a J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School in May 1990, and was admitted to practice in Illinois in 1990 and in New York in 2003. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Business Law and International Practice Sections and Construction Law Forum, and the Illinois and New York State Bar Associations. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law, and a Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School.