

# CHARLES W. DONOVAN

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## EDUCATION

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### **IE Business School, Madrid**

**Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), September 2012.**

### **Vanderbilt University, Owen Graduate School of Management, Nashville**

**Master of Business Administration (MBA), May 2001.**

Corporate finance concentration; Beta Gamma Sigma; Top 10% class ranking; Dean's List.

### **University of Washington, Seattle**

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, June 1995.**

Organizational behavior emphasis; Masters-level course work in natural resource economics.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Impax Asset Management (LSE:IPX)**

*Principal Economist (August 2024 – Present)*

*Senior Economic Advisor (Sept 2022 – August 2024)*

- Leading North America policy & advocacy efforts and managing thought leadership initiatives on sustainability-related investment themes.
- Providing macroeconomic outlooks to Impax portfolio managers & institutional clients.
- Leading economic research on topics including risk integration, climate financial risk assessment, greenhouse gas accounting, net zero scenarios & sustainable asset allocation

### **Foster School of Business, University of Washington**

*Visiting Professor, Department of Finance and Economics (Sept 2021 – Present)*

- Delivered new courses related to climate finance, ESG integration, and sustainable investing for undergraduate, MBA, and executive degree programs.
- Created a new Climate Risk Lab and led outreach to major donors, corporate partners, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations

### **Imperial College Business School, Imperial College London**

*Professor of Practice, Department of Finance (Aug 2020 – Sept 2021)*

*Academic Director, MSc Climate Change, Management and Finance (Aug 2020 – Aug 2021)*

*Executive Director, Centre for Climate Finance and Investment (Nov 2016 – Sept 2021)*

*Principal Teaching Fellow, Department of Management (May 2013 – Aug 2020)*

- Built from scratch a new empirical research centre on climate change and the global capital markets; hired and managed a diverse 10 person research team.
- Secured >\$25 million in philanthropic donations and corporate / government research grants.
- Created the Singapore Green Finance Centre, with the support of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, to foster sustainable finance research in Southeast Asia.
- Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence 2019; ICAEW/Deloitte Finance for the Future Award Winner 2019; multiple nominations for the Imperial College Student Choice Awards

## **BP plc (NYSE: BP)**

***Head of Structuring and Valuation, Global Power Division (March 2006 – March 2010)***

***Business Development Manager, BP Green Energy (Feb 2005 – March 2006)***

- Managed, on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer, a global team of investment analysts located at offices in Beijing, Houston, Jakarta, London, Mumbai, and Singapore.
- Delivered risk assurance on >10,000 MW of proposed equity investments in onshore/offshore wind, solar thermal, solar PV, hydrogen, natural gas, and nature-based carbon offset projects.
- Led M&A scoping exercise and transaction closing for BP's \$98 million acquisition of U.S. wind developer Greenlight Energy Inc and convertible equity / long-term procurement arrangement with Clipper Windpower.
- Secured approval for BP's first Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project, a 40MW onshore wind park in India, and managed carbon value for a global business unit.

## **Enviros Consulting Ltd.**

Energy and environmental consultancy backed by venture capital firm ECI Partners; offices in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, the Czech Republic and South Africa.

***Commercial Manager, Climate Change Group (April 2003 – Jan 2005)***

***Principal Consultant, Strategy and Policy Practice (February 2002 – April 2003)***

- Delivered asset valuation, climate risk analysis, and transaction support to clients including American Electric Power, BP, Barclays, Thames Water RWE, Cemex, Sembcorp Utilities, and United Utilities on clean technology investments in energy and waste management sectors.
- Led financial structuring and negotiation support to the City of Durban, South Africa for successful completion of \$15 million sale of CDM carbon credits to the World Bank Prototype Carbon Fund.

## **Enron Corp. (NYSE:ENE)**

***Associate, Finance Origination, Enron Europe Ltd. (July 2001 – Dec 2001)***

***Summer Associate, Commercial Transactions, Enron North America (Summer 2000)***

- FSA registered investment advisor for Enron's EU structured product origination desk.
- Completed due diligence on natural gas and electric power asset acquisitions and analyzed potential private placements in privately-held hydrogen fuel cell companies.

## **United States Environmental Protection Agency**

***Energy Policy Specialist, Office for Innovation (Dec 1998 – June 1999)***

***Energy Policy Associate, Office for Policy, Planning and Evaluation (March 1997 – Dec 1998)***

- Generated analysis for senior economists on international greenhouse gas trends and economic impacts of cap-and-trade regulations in the oil & gas and electric power sectors.
- Supported new voluntary programs in transportation management and watershed restoration.
- Recipient of the US EPA Region 10 Pollution Prevention Award.

## **ACTIVITIES**

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- Advisor, Riskthinking.ai (2021 – Present)
- Academic Council Co-Chair, Coalition for Climate Resilient Investing, (2020 – 2023)
- Co-Founder and Non-Executive Director, Cleandrone (2015 – 2020)
- Trustee, Active Earth Foundation (2010 – 2015)