

ENERGY - Renewables

Channeling the Winds of Change

With constant change in the industry, you need a legal partner with focus and precision. That's why we've built a diverse and collaborative team of more than 70 attorneys and government relations professionals who understand your business and the types of legal solutions you need.

Renewable energy is anticipated to be the fastest-growing power source over the next two decades and investments are rising exponentially. Tax equity deals for wind and solar projects are in the billions and growing every year. We're proud to play an important and increasing role in the dramatic growth of renewable energy by helping you structure transactions, comply with regulations, and litigate disputes.

How We Can Help You

No matter how quickly the industry evolves or the rules change, we know the territory so well that we can help you structure transactions, comply with all regulations, and succeed in disputes wherever they occur. To date we've assisted clients with wind and solar projects in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Texas, Hawaii and Maryland. We're helping the renewable energy industry achieve its potential by:

- Representing investors, developers and operators in financing renewable energy projects
- Securing grants for renewable energy projects
- Counseling on tax credits and incentives
- Providing assistance with all real estate and other corporate matters
- Assisting developers with contracting and project development
- Providing guidance on regulatory compliance at every level
- Managing environmental due diligence

Understanding. Planning. Complying.

Complying with the rules gets more complicated every year. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and state regulators all have a stake. Our job is to ease your burden. Our attorneys and government relations professionals work closely with the agencies that govern how renewable energy is developed, operated and marketed. We can assist you by:

- Advising you on federal and state renewables mandates
- Obtaining the necessary approvals and permits from federal and state environmental agencies
- Managing environmental due diligence and representing you in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and other environmental regulations at every level

Avoiding & Resolving Conflicts

The rapid increase in renewable energy projects has resulted in litigation involving defects, false claims, deceptive practices, regulatory violations, and product liability. Our litigators work closely with our renewable energy attorneys to help you prevail in civil litigation, arbitration or any action by a regulatory authority.

Our team secured a one-time grant of more than \$6 million for our client through the Pennsylvania Renewable Energy Program – the largest one-time grant within the wind/geothermal program.

ADVANCING OUR CLIENTS' GOALS

Wind is Big Business

A wind farm developer needed our assistance with the sale of four wind farms. Our full-service team handled the real estate, environmental, and regulatory matters of this big \$900 million sale.

The Financial Energy Behind Renewable Power

While funding sources for renewable energy projects have increased dramatically, the process of securing funding is still complex, with due diligence required on all sides. We represented one of the top 10 wind power operators in the world in the \$285 million financing of three wind farms in Pennsylvania and Texas.

Due Diligence Pays Off

With our due diligence assistance, a tax equity investor in solar electric generation facilities in Hawaii, California and Tennessee was able to take full advantage of federal investment tax credits, accelerated depreciation and other benefits of the solar generation to offset its taxable income.

West Virginia Wind

West Virginia is well known for coal but also has significant wind development opportunities. We represented a wind holdings company in its \$200 million sale of a 103-MW construction-ready wind project.