

Alternative/Renewable Energy

Energy users of all sizes are increasingly interested in reducing or even eliminating their carbon footprint, which has spurred the development of alternative and renewable energy projects across the United States and internationally. Federal, state, and local government support for these projects is increasing, as demonstrated by the passage of renewable energy legislation, implementation of renewable portfolio standards, net metering programs, fuel standards, energy incentives, and tax credits. Clark Hill's Energy team has broad experience working on a variety of alternative or renewable energy projects, including:

- Solar energy
- Wind energy
- Geothermal energy
- Hydropower/tidal energy
- Biomass/agricultural energy
- Fuel cell/hydrogen energy
- Biodiesel/renewable fuels

Our team provides a broad array of legal services nationwide and internationally to developers, investors, lenders, manufacturers, governmental entities, non-profit organizations, energy project owners, and landowners involved in alternative, renewable, or sustainable energy projects and transactions. This representation includes financing, taxation, licensing, due diligence, siting, permitting, land and water rights, project operations, asset acquisition, development, construction, transmission interconnection, and regulatory issues.

Because renewable energy transactions often involve other non-energy legal issues, our team employs a cross-disciplinary, integrated approach, ensuring that our clients also have access to the resources of our full-service law firm's capabilities in multiple practice areas to assist before, during, and after any transaction or development project.

We also track the latest developments in legislation on both federal and state levels so that we can assist our clients "see around the corner" to plan for future opportunities and contingencies. Our Energy team works closely with our federal and state government affairs teams to know what is happening now, anticipate what will happen in the future, and assist clients who want to participate in regulatory and legislative matters.

Our attorneys devote substantial time and effort to tracking renewable funding opportunities that originate from the federal stimulus bills, other federal and state legislation, and private organizations. We have formed numerous relationships with critical federal and state agencies that review and approve renewable project applications and administer grant funding for energy projects. In addition, our lawyers understand the parameters around these funding opportunities and help clients structure transactions and conduct business operations in accordance with those requirements.



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Brownfields Redevelopment
Combined Sewer Overflow
Energy Management
Energy Technology & Innovation
Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Litigation
Environmental Assessments, Due Diligence & Audits
Permits & Licenses
Proposition 65
Public Utility Litigation, Regulatory Intervention & Counseling
Remediation & Natural Resource Restoration
Riparian (Water) Rights
Solid & Hazardous Waste Management
Tax Incentives & Grants