



# **US RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Mayer Brown's US Renewable Energy practice brings together a dedicated team of lawyers with deep experience across the spectrum of the industry. Our team advises clients on all legal aspects of renewable energy transactions—from greenfield project development and finance to the purchase and sale of large companies and operating portfolios to restructuring arrangements in distressed situations. Our team stands at the forefront of the energy transition movement.

#### **CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS 2024**

We have **five** Chambers-ranked lawyers and the following departments have also been ranked in the USA nationwide category.

- Projects: Renewables & Alternative Energy (US and Global Guide)
- Projects: Power & Renewables Transactional
- Banking & Finance
- Energy (Electricity)
- Tax (Corporate & Finance)
- Offshore Energy

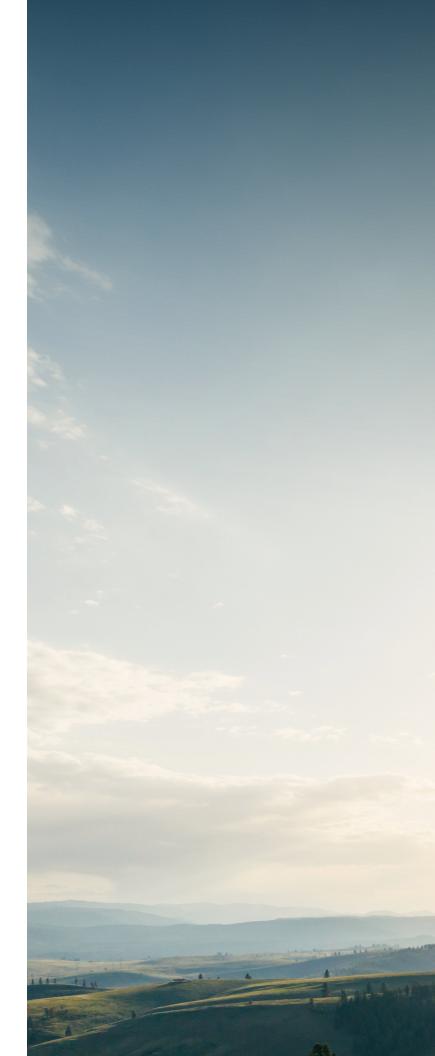
# **DEALS OF NOTE**

#### CDPQ

Represented Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (CDPQ) in connection with its investment (along with co-investors Invenergy and Blackstone Infrastructure) in the acquisition of American Electric Power's renewables portfolio for \$1.5 billion. The portfolio includes 14 projects in 11 states and is comprised of 1,200 MW of wind generation and 165 MW of solar projects. We also represented CDPQ's interests in both the investment and in the project debt commitment, totalling almost \$1.2 billion, provided by Banco Santander S.A., New York Branch, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch and Natixis CIB, New York Branch. This transaction was the largestever acquisition for prominent renewables developer Invenergy and was notable for being a complete divestiture of AEP's renewables business.

# 8point3 Energy Partners Acquisition

Represented Allianz Global Investors in a \$760 million debt financing transaction, in the form of a bond, to finance a portion of a portfolio of solar projects held by 8point3 Energy Partners. The deal was awarded 2019 North America Renewable/Battery Project Finance Deal of the Year by Power Finance & Risk.





Our clients include many of the largest financial institutions, sponsors, and funds actively working on renewable energy and energy transition opportunities in the US and across the globe. Our deal list—a sampling of which can be found below—demonstrates that we have earned and maintain the trust of the most sophisticated actors in this constantly evolving space.

Because of our abilities, our team has become a go-to firm for an incredibly wide range of technologies—onshore wind, offshore wind, utility scale and distributed solar energy, battery storage, fuel cell, geothermal, nuclear, carbon capture, and biomass to name a few. Similarly, there is not a transaction structure for which the team does not have a deal list and cadre of dedicated specialists debt financing of all kinds, tax equity financing, mergers and acquisition work, and securitization among them.



# RECENT EXPERIENCE

# RENEWABLE ENERGY MERGERS & ACQUISTIONS, INVESTMENTS AND JVS

#### **RWE**

Represented RWE Clean Energy in its joint venture with Peabody (NYSE: BTU) to strategically advance renewable energy projects by repurposing reclaimed land previously used for mining.

#### Igneo Infrastructure Partners

Represented Igneo Infrastructure Partners in its acquisition of 50 percent of the equity interests in Terra-Gen, a leading renewable energy developer that operates over 1.3 GW of wind, solar, battery storage and geothermal facilities across the United States, and specializes in development, construction, and operation of utility-scale wind, solar, energy storage and geothermal generation facilities, from private equity firm Energy Capital Partners, LLC, and subsequently represented Igneo in related co-investment transactions in the Terra-Gen Power platform and its renegotiation of the joint venture when Masdar acquired Energy Capital Partners' equity interests in Terra-Gen.

#### Igneo Infrastructure Partners

Represented Igneo Infrastructure Partners in the acquisition of a majority equity interest in Soltage, LLC, a renewable power producer operating in 18 US states.

#### **Argo Infrastructure Partners**

Represented Argo Infrastructure Partners in the approximately \$514 million acquisition, by merger, of Macquarie Infrastructure
Corporation's MIC Hawaii businesses, which comprise a combined regulated gas utility and unregulated distributor of propane and several smaller businesses, including controlling interests in two solar facilities.

#### CDPQ.

Represented Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec in providing bridge financing to Vertical Bridge and in connection with Digital Bridge's additional preferred equity investment in Vertical Bridge (resulting in re-negotiation of joint venture arrangements between CDPQ and Digital Bridge) in connection with its transaction with Verizon Communications Inc. to lease, operate and manage 6,339 wireless communications towers across all 50 states and Washington DC from subsidiaries of Verizon for approximately \$3.3 billion, including certain commercial benefits.

#### CDPQ.

Represented Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec on its \$1.5 billion multifaceted transaction in which an investment vehicle composed of CDPQ, Invenergy, and funds managed by private equity firm Blackstone Infrastructure Partners acquired, from American Electric Power, a 1,365-megawatt renewables portfolio comprised of 14 projects representing 1,200 MW of wind and 165 MW of solar in 11 states.

#### CDPQ.

Represented Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec as seller in Blackstone Infrastructure Partners, L.P.'s \$3 billion investment in Invenergy Renewables LLC, a private developer, owner and operator of wind and solar projects in North America.

#### CDPQ.

Represented Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec with respect to its investment in Leading Light, the Invenergy-sponsored New York Bight offshore wind project.

#### CDPQ.

Represented Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec in connection with the proposed acquisition of a cash equity position in Invenergy Renewable's Calhoun Solar Project in Michigan. Calhoun is a novel solar facility involving bespoke offtake arrangements.

#### CDPQ.

Represented CDPQ in the \$546 million acquisition of a 30 percent indirect equity interest in The Dayton Power and Light Company (d/b/a AES Ohio), an Ohio energy generation company that provides electricity across West Central Ohio.

#### CDPQ.

Represented Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec in the acquisition through a joint venture with GE Energy Financial Services of Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, a 5,800 mile US natural gas pipeline, from Morgan Stanley Infrastructure, and the subsequent acquisition from GE Energy Financing Services and a sell-down to Ullico\*

### ClearGe LLC

Represented ClearGen LLC in its investment to acquire the membership interests owned by MUFG in 25 operating wind projects (totalling 1.4 GW of generation capacity), including as lead transaction counsel for ClearGen in the upper-tier tax equity financing with Goldman Sachs as the tax equity investor and the debt financing utilized to acquire the interests provided by Bank of America, Crédit Agricole and Société Générale as lenders.

# Engie

Represented Engie, as buyer, on acquisition of Sun Valley and Hopkins Solar, development stage solar projects located in Texas.

#### Fengate Asset Management

Represented Fengate Asset Management on the negotiation and formation of a joint venture platform with 42 Renewables LLC for the acquisition and development of up to 1 GW of solar projects.

### JH ExGen Holdings, LLC

Represented JH ExGen Holdings, LLC, a project company jointly owned by John Hancock and an investment fund managed by an affiliate of John Hancock, in the sale of a 49% interest in Constellation Renewables Partners, LLC, the holding company for a portfolio of wind and solar energy projects, to 527 Renewable Holding, LLC, a project company of an investment fund managed by Axium.

# John Hancock Life Insurance Company

Represented John Hancock Life Insurance Company and its affiliates on the \$400 million acquisition of a 49% interest in ExGen Renewables Partners, LLC, the owner of a portfolio of wind and solar generating facilities, from an affiliate of Exelon Corporation, and as borrower on the back-leveraging of its interest.

# John Hancock Life Insurance Company

Represented John Hancock Life Insurance
Company in its acquisition of a minority interest in
a 1.2GW portfolio of wind and solar assets from
Duke Energy. A separate team of Mayer Brown
lawyers, while at a prior firm, represented Duke
Energy on the sale side of the same transaction.

#### **Longroad Energy Partners**

Represented Longroad Energy Partners and its affiliates on two separate transactions for the sale to various Danish pension funds managed by AIP Management P/S (the "Funds"), of a 50% ownership interest in each of (i) the approximately 300 MWac Prospero Solar project located in Andrews County,

Texas and (ii) the Little Bear Solar project comprised of a portfolio of four solar projects with a combined capacity of approximately 160 MWac located in Mendota, Fresno County, California. The representation included negotiation of joint venture funding and ownership arrangements for both projects and a mezzanine loan for Prospero provided by subsidiaries of the Funds. A separate team of Mayer Brown lawyers, while at a prior firm, represented Facebook making its tax equity investment into the Prospero project.

#### NRS

Represented NRS, a developer of utility-scale wind and solar projects in the US, on the sale of the company to Blackrock.

# TC Energy

Represented TC Energy Corporation in two separate transactions for the acquisition from Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners of 100 percent ownership interest in each of (i) the 313MW Fluvanna wind project located in Scurry County, Texas and (ii) the 148MW Blue Cloud wind project located in Bailey and Lamb Counties, Texas.

# TC Energy

Represented TCE on its acquisition of the 70MW development stage Staley Solar project located in Illinois.

#### TC Energy and its affiliates

Represented TCE and its affiliates on the acquisition under separate MIPAs of five development stage solar projects located in TVA area.

#### **Global Infrastructure Partners**

Represented Global Infrastructure Partners in a joint venture with Hess Corporation through the acquisition of a 50% interest in Hess Infrastructure Partners, the owner of Hess' midstream crude oil and natural gas infrastructure assets in the Bakken Shale for the purchase price of \$2.675 billion.

#### KKR & Co. Inc

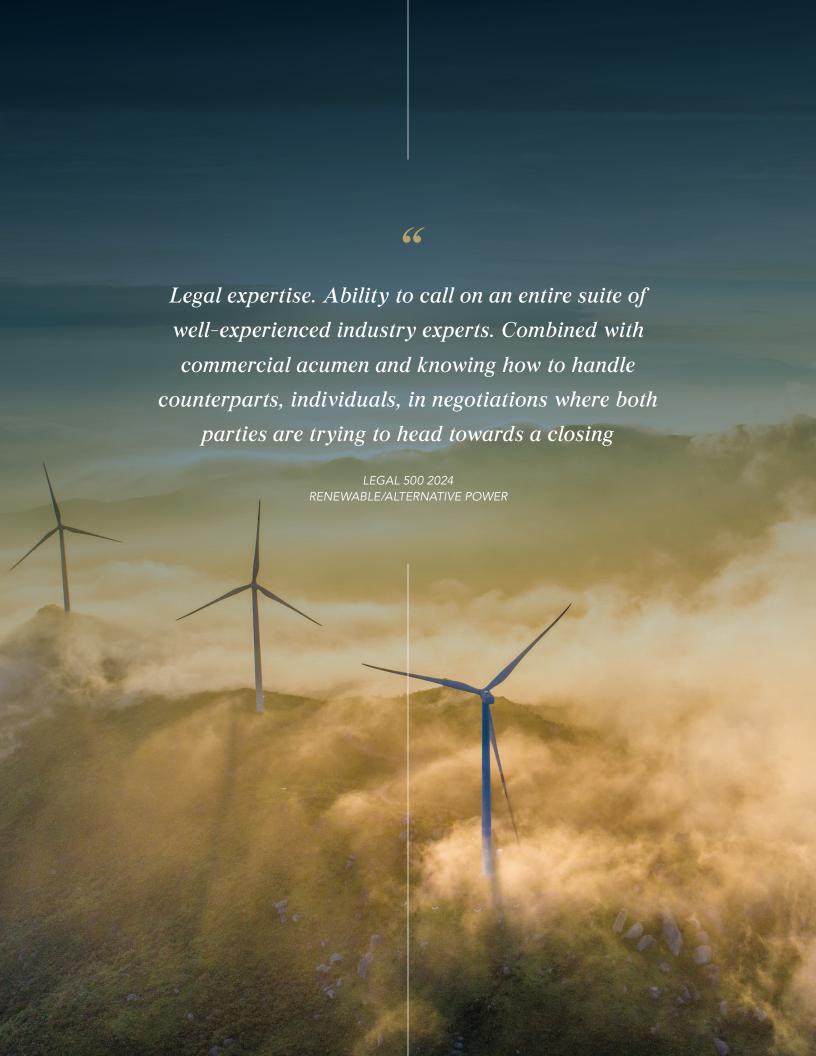
Represented KKR & Co. Inc. and its affiliates, as a lender and an equity holder, in connection with the sale of U.S. solar and storage developer Clenera and development projects developed by a joint venture between Clenera and KKR known as Parasol Renewable Energy LLC to Enlight Renewable Energy LTD.

#### Sovereign Wealth Funds

Represented various sovereign wealth funds, including in a consortium with private equity sponsors to acquire 50% of a \$4.1 billion infrastructure company and in the US public listing of ReNew Energy Global plc (and related stockholders' and exit arrangements) through an \$8 billion de-SPAC transaction.\*

\*Indicates transaction was advised on by a Mayer Brown partner while at a former law firm.





#### WIND: DEBT & TAX EQUITY

#### Banco Santander, N.A.

Represented Banco Santander, N.A., Bank of America and SMBC in a roughly USD 348 million construction and back leverage loan to finance the construction of Great Pathfinder Wind in Iowa, a 225 MW wind farm sponsored by Apex.

# Fengate Asset Management

Represented Fengate Asset Management, as sponsor, in obtaining construction loan financing, tax equity financing and back-leverage financing for the 72.6 MW Weaver wind project in Maine.

#### GE and Berkshire Hathaway

Represented GE Energy Financial Services and Berkshire Hathaway as tax equity investors in financing the development and construction of the approximately 180 MW Heart of Texas wind power generation facility.

# John Hancock Life Insurance Company and NY Life

Represented affiliates of John Hancock Life Insurance Company and NY Life as term lenders on the refinancing of the term loan and letter of credit facility for the EDF Fenton Wind project in Minnesota.

#### Leeward Renewable Energy

Represented LRE, as a sponsor, on multiple seperate construction loan and tax equity wind project financings, including the 170MW Mountain Breeze wind farm in Colorado, the 145MW Panorama wind farms in Colorado, the 91.5MW Aragonne wind farm repowering, the 143MW Aragonne wind expansion in New Mexico, the 60MW Crescent Ridge wind farm in Illinois, and the 80MW GSG wind farm repowering in Illinois.

#### **Longroad Energy Partners**

Represented Longroad Energy Partners on debt and tax equity financing for El Campo Wind in Texas.

#### **MUFG**

Represented MUFG, as lead arranger, in the construction loan for Kings Point Wind Farm (150 MW) and North Fork Wind Farm (150 MW), sponsored by Algonquin being developed in Missouri. The Kings Point and North Fork wind farms will generate approximately 300 MW.

#### **MUFG** and Santander

Represented MUFG and Santander in a roughly USD 388 million construction loan for Neosho Wind Farm (301 MW) sponsored by Algonquin being developed in Kansas.

#### Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale

Represented the New York Branch as sole Lead Arranger for a USD 189 million senior secured loan facility and a USD 53.8 million letter of credit facility related to the construction of Escalade Wind Farm, an approximately 336 MW wind project in Texas.

#### SOLAR: DEBT & TAX EQUITY

#### Apollo Management Holdings, L.P.

We represented Apollo Management Holdings, L.P., as purchaser, in an investment tax credit transfer transaction for a landfill renewable natural gas facility in Northville, Michigan, owned by a subsidiary of OPAL Fuels Inc. and GFL Environmental Inc.

#### Banco Santander, S.A.

Represented Banco Santander, S.A., New York Branch, in its provision of construction loan, tax equity bridge loan, back-leverage loan and letter of credit facilities to Lone Star Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of energyRe, LLC, for the construction and operation of an approximately 66 MW solar photovoltaic energy generation plus approximately 198 MWh BESS storage project.

# Banco Santander, S.A., Société Générale and CaixaBank

Represented Banco Santander, S.A., Société Générale and CaixaBank in a roughly USD 355 million construction loan, bridge loan and letter of credit facility to finance the construction of Samson I, an approximately 250 MW (AC) solar generation facility in Lamar County, Texas being developed by Invenergy Renewables Global LLC.

# Banco Santander, S.A., Société Générale and CaixaBank

Represented Banco Santander, S.A., Société Générale and CaixaBank in a roughly USD 330 million construction loan, bridge loan and letter of credit facility to finance the construction of Samson III, an approximately 250 MW (AC) solar generation facility in Lamar County, Texas being developed by Invenergy Renewables Global LLC.

#### CleanCapital HC4 Borrower LLC

We represented First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in a \$4.6 million upsizing of an existing \$78.6 million term loan and \$7 million letter of credit facility for subsidiaries of CleanCapital HC4 Borrower LLC, supporting a 46.7 megawatt portfolio of 59 commercial and industrial solar photovoltaic energy projects in California, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

# energyRe, LLC

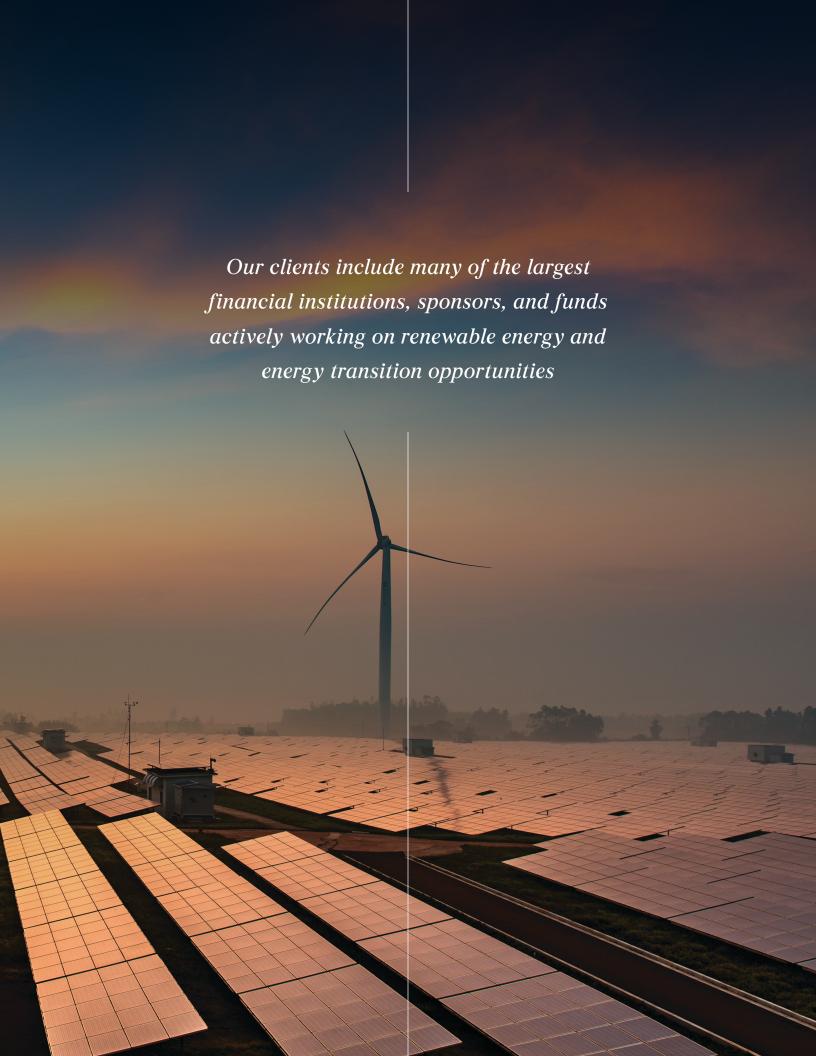
Represented the coordinating lead arrangers in a \$200 million letter of credit facility and \$100 million revolving borrowing base credit facility to support early stage (pre-NTP) transmission and renewable energy generation projects developed by energyRe, LLC, including an initial portfolio of over 20 wind and solar projects along with a transmission line (Clean Path New York, an approximately 175-mile facility that will deliver renewable power from upstate New York to New York City), with built-in expansion facilities to further grow the portfolio of projects and up-size lenders' commitments in the future.

## Greenbacker Renewable Energy Company LLC

Represented a financial holding company in its tax equity investment in a portfolio of solar and solar plus storage projects owned by Greenbacker Renewable Energy Company LLC.

#### Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors

Represented Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors on a construction loan facility of ~USD 105 million for the construction of a ~98 MW DC solar project located in Centerfield County, SC.





## Leeward Renewable Energy

Represented Leeward Renewable Energy on multiple separate construction loan and tax equity solar plus storage project financings, including its 102 MWac solar plus 52 MWac storage Chaparral Springs project and its 72 MWac solar plus 36MWac storage Willow Springs project in California, construction loan and tax equity financing of the 100MWac Rabbitbrush solar project and 20MWac battery storage project in California and construction loan and tax equity financing of the 179MWac White Wing Ranch solar project located in Arizona.

#### Lenders for Hardin County Solar Facility

Represented the lenders in construction, bridge, and term loan facilities for a 250 MW (AC) solar generation facility in Hardin County, Ohio.

# Longroad Energy

Represented Longroad Energy and affiliates as sponsor on both debt and tax equity financing for its SunStreams 3 215MWac solar plus 215MWac storage project located in Arizona, as well as advice on ITC qualification matters. We also represented Longroad Energy and affiliates as sponsor on the separate debt and tax equity financing for its SunStreams 4 300MWac solar plus 300MWac storage project located in Arizona.

## **Longroad Energy**

Represented Longroad Energy and affiliates, as sponsor, in both debt and tax equity financing for its Serrano 220 MW PV solar project and 855 MWh battery storage project in Pima and Pinal Counties, Arizona.

#### MUFG

Represented MUFG, as lead arranger, for the financing of Sojitz's 50 MW PV solar project with 80MWh battery storage project in New Mexico.

#### Nestlé

Represented Nestlé as tax equity investor on two separate tax equity financings for solar plus storage projects being developed by Enel Green Power North America.

# Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A.

Represented Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, New York Branch and Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch in the construction, tax equity bridge, and back-leverage financing of Concho Valley Solar, an approximately 160 MWac solar photovoltaic generation facility located in Tom Green County, Texas.

#### Rabobank and CIBC

Represented Rabobank, as administrative agent, collateral agent, a lender and an issuing bank, and CIBC, as a lender and an issuing bank, in a senior secured bridge loan facility to AES Corporation. AES used the proceeds of the loan to further support the construction and operation of certain solar photovoltaic energy projects.

# Summit Ridge Energy, LLC and Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Capital, Inc.

Represented Bank of America, N.A., as lender and administrative agent, Nomura Securities International, Inc., as arranger, and Nomura Corporate Funding Americas, LLC, Prudential Private Capital, and MetLife Investment Management, as lenders, as New York due diligence counsel in a portfolio debt financing to a jointly owned borrower owned by Summit Ridge Energy, LLC and Hannon Armstrong Sustainable Capital, Inc. The sponsors, through their indirect subsidiaries, own, together with certain tax equity investors, a portfolio of solar energy projects, in which the lenders provided back-leveraged financing. In addition to our diligence work, we drafted and negotiated eight interparty agreements with the tax equity investors.

# ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AND FIRST-OF-KIND DEALS

#### **Fuel Cells**

Represented Duke Energy acquiring a portfolio of fuel cell distributed generation assets and tax equity financing the same – in the first third-party, tax equity financed fuel cell deal in the market. A separate team represented Wells Fargo as the tax equity investor in the same transaction.

#### Carbon Removal Fund

Actively representing a founding member of Project Frontier – an advance market commitment to buy an \$925M of permanent carbon removal between 2022 and 2030.

#### Electric Vehicles

Represented investors in a portfolio electric vehicle (EV) financing.

# Combined Solar (ITC) / Wind (PTC) Portfolio

Represented investors (and in a separate transaction the sponsor) in a portfolio tax equity transactions involving a wind project (PTC) and utility scale solar project (ITC) in the same portfolio.

#### **Biomass Generation**

Represented a private equity fund acquiring an operating biomass generation facility with an ITC tax equity financing in place (including structuring related recapture matters).

#### **Geothermal Power**

Represented tax equity investor in a series of geothermal tax equity transactions.

#### **New Nuclear**

Represented UniStar (a joint venture between Constellation and EDF) on development and financing matters (including US DOE Loan Guaranty and export credit agency financing) related to Calvert Cliffs 3, a development stage nuclear power plant.

#### Offshore Wind

Actively representing clients on a number of US offshore wind projects – including a sponsor on NYSERDA OREC matters, an equity investor in a NY Bight development stage project, a tax equity investor and a sponsor on BOEM, permitting and joint venture matters.

# Carbon Capture Use and Storage (CCUS)

Actively representing clients on a number of carbon sequestration transactions – including sponsors and a tax equity investor.

# **Battery Storage**

Represented clients in a number of battery storage transactions, including collocated solar transactions.

#### Tax Credit Transfer

Represented CDPQ's interests in a consortium tax credit transfer (a first of its kind) to Bank of America as part of the almost \$1.2 billion debt facility, provided by Banco Santander S.A., New York Branch, Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch and Natixis CIB, New York Branch.



# **OUR RANKINGS**

# **CHAMBERS USA 2024**

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Ranked Department - USA Nationwide: Energy: Electricity (Transactional)

Ranked Department - USA Nationwide: Offshore Energy

Ranked Department - USA Nationwide: Projects: Power & Renewables: Transactional

Ranked Department - USA Nationwide: Projects

Ranked Department - USA Nationwide: Projects: Renewables & Alternative Energy

Ranked Department - USA Nationwide: Tax: Corporate & Finance

# LEGAL 500 US 2024

Energy Regulation: Electric Power Energy Transactions: Electric Power Energy: Renewable/Alternative Power

Project Finance: Energy and Power

# IFLR1000 US 2024

Project Development: Energy

Project Development: Infrastructure

**Project Finance** 

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