

# enerG Focus Feature LAW FIRMS

As the alternative energy business has grown, so has the expertise required to manage energy businesses and develop new projects, and that includes legal expertise.

In this Special enerG Magazine Focus, we look at a selection of law firms that are involved in alternative energy.

## ANDREWS KURTH LLP

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Built on a foundation of knowledge and experience of helping energy businesses succeed for more than 100 years, Andrews Kurth is now a leading firm in renewable energy fuels, power, regulation, investment, and environmental trading. The firm's lawyers get deals done by helping clients navigate the complexities of renewable energy projects and maximizing available tax, financial, and environmental credits and incentives. They facilitate clean and renewable energy sales by working with the complex contracts that underlie the movement of BTUs and KWHs. The practice is involved daily in energy price, transportation, and transmission regulations. They also assist renewable energy companies with access to potential sources of energy industry capital and investment.

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Stikeman Elliott is one of Canada's leading business law firms, with offices in Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, and Vancouver as well as in London, New York, and Sydney. The Energy Group's experience in the energy sector extends to alternative sources of energy and renewable energy. It has acted for clients with respect to wind, solar, and hydroelectric power projects, in addition to projects in emerging areas involving ethanol, biomass, geothermal, and methane. It has acted for a number of alternative energy producers and proponents on a broad range of mandates including structuring, financing, development, acquisitions and divestitures, supply, and distribution activities. It has also advised a number of foreign alternative energy suppliers on establishing Canadian operations.

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Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP is one of Canada's largest law firms, with over 750 professionals across 10 offices worldwide. Recognized for its excellence in renewable energy law, business law, advocacy, and intellectual property, the firm provides seamless global service in over 50 languages, it says. Gowlings provides sophisticated legal counsel to a wide range of clients, including project proponents, financiers, equipment manufacturers, governments, investors, EPC contractors, facility operators, facility owners, and technology innovators. The firm represents clients across Canada, in the U.S., Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.

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Founded in 1877, Reed Smith has one of the world's preeminent law practices in renewable and clean energy, according to the firm, and has been at the forefront of industry development for more than 25 years. With lawyers from coast to coast in the United States, as well as in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, its team works seamlessly to provide clients advice across all disciplines, including regulatory, real estate, permitting, environmental, and land use review, power purchase agreements, turbine supply and service agreements, construction, acquisition, and financing.

The firm serves a number of industry sectors including: batteries and energy storage; biodiesel and other biofuels; electric vehicles; ethanol; geothermal; hydro power; solar power generation (concentrated solar and PV); and wind turbines, farms, and offshore installations.

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With offices in Toronto, Montreal, and Calgary, the Bomza Law Group is one of Canada's leading and largest immigration law firms specializing in Canadian and U.S. immigration law. Its team of Canadian and U.S. immigration lawyers has been providing expert legal services to facilitate the temporary transfer and relocation of senior managers, skilled personnel, and other international talent for almost 20 years. As the demand for alternative energy increases, the firm is at the forefront, helping companies meet their resource requirements and project deadlines for wind farms across North America, while ensuring compliance with Canadian and U.S. immigration laws and regulations.

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Troutman Sanders' Renewable Energy Practice is one of the leading practices in the renewable energy industry in the U.S., the firm says, with a particular focus on solar energy.

The practice brings together experienced lawyers providing practical advice and creative solutions to address its clients' needs. The firm represents lenders, tax equity investors, borrowers, and lessees in various solar and other renewable energy project loan and lease financings. It also regularly represents clients in the development, acquisition, and disposition of renewable energy projects in the U.S. and abroad. Having served as counsel on over 225 utility-scale and distributed solar generation transactions across the U.S. as well as numerous wind, biomass, geothermal, and other renewable energy projects, its team understands the unique issues associated with renewable energy development and finance.

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Foley's Energy Industry Team helps address regulatory and legal concerns to keep traditional and renewable source projects on track—from due diligence, negotiation, and regulatory approval through to closing.

Through the firm's project management and budgeting capabilities, it helps clients maintain control of their energy-related projects and the associated expenses.

Foley has a long history of successfully managing energy

projects and financings, particularly involving renewable fuel sources such as onshore and offshore wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, biomass, ethanol, and biodiesel. Its services to the renewable energy market are said to be comprehensive and include permitting, community relations, land rights, equipment procurement, construction, finance, power purchase arrangements, interconnection and project acquisitions, mergers, securities offerings, compliance issues, litigation, joint ventures, and divestitures. Foley says it is one of the most experienced law firms in structuring transactions to best utilize the federal production tax credit, the investment tax credit, and the Section 1603 grant.

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Dickstein Shapiro LLP is internationally recognized as one of the premier law firms in the energy industry by publications such as Chambers USA, Chambers Global, U.S. News/Best Lawyers, and Public Utilities Fortnightly, the firm says. The experienced attorneys and energy professionals on its team have decades of experience handling the unique issues confronting developers, owners, and operators of wind, solar, hydroelectric, biomass, and other renewable and gas-fired generating plants. The firm regularly represents renewable and other energy suppliers, transmission companies, power marketers, investor-owned utilities, and trade associations before FERC and state public service commissions throughout the U.S. The firm also counsels its clients on renewable portfolio standards, interconnection and transmission arrangements, feed-in tariffs, federal procurement and incentive programs, power sales, equipment and construction agreements, asset purchase and sale agreements, rate filings, compliance and enforcement matters, market rules and operations, and legislative and executive branch advocacy.

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Osler's widely recognized Energy Group works on every aspect of renewable energy development and environmental finance. The firm advises on all aspects of domestic and international renewable energy projects and conservation initiatives, as well as emissions trading and renewable energy credit trading matters. Its clients include various levels of government, developers, contractors, transmission and distribution companies and utilities, lenders, public and private investors, and energy marketing and trading companies.

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The firm advises on the design and implementation of competitive procurements and standard offer procurement platforms for renewable energy, such as in Ontario for the Ontario Power Authority and recently in Saudi Arabia. The firm has extensive experience with physical and financial settled power purchase agreements, equipment supply, and EPC contracts for wind, solar, hydro, and biomass facilities. It advises on all aspects of debt and equity financing of renewable energy projects, in both private and public market scenarios.

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Fulbright and Jaworski L.L.P., a full-service international law firm, serves the needs of businesses, government entities, nonprofit organizations, and individual clients around the world. The firm covers the full array of client needs in the renewable energy sector, including project development, structuring, finance, tax, mergers, acquisitions and divestures, regulatory, environmental, and bankruptcy, restructuring and workouts. Its lawyers have significant experience represent-

ing independent power producers, developers, infrastructure funds, private equity funds, lenders, and other entities in renewable energy projects including wind, solar, hydroelectric, biomass, geothermal, and waste fuel.

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Chadbourne & Parke is said to be a franchise name in the energy and project finance markets. The firm has worked on projects in more than 80 countries. More than 80 lawyers work full time in the project finance group. A vast majority of the group's work in the last few years has been in renewable energy, LNG, oil and gas, and power projects. Forty percent of the group's work last year was outside the U.S., especially in the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. Chadbourne has always been especially prominent in emerging markets and works heavily with multilateral lending and export credit agencies. It is also prominent in public-private partnerships for basic infrastructure. The Chadbourne project finance group closed on \$20 billion in financings in 2011.

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