

Wind Solar

Biofuels

Biomass

Waste-to-Energy

Geothermal

Hydroelectric

Carbon Capture and Storage

Clean Energy Overview

With roots in energy extending nearly a century, Vinson & Elkins continues to be recognised as the “World’s Leading Energy Law Firm.” In the past year, our lawyers handled more than 1,500 energy matters - collectively involving more than US\$150 billion.

By combining regulatory, energy, and technology backgrounds with joint venture, project finance, and private equity expertise, Vinson & Elkins has emerged as a leading law firm for clean energy.

Our extensive experience in advising investors and developers covers transactions in numerous European countries and in all areas of the clean energy industry, including in the biofuels, biomass, carbon capture and storage, hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, waste-to-energy and wind sectors.

V&E’s clean energy experts draw on:

- Project development expertise combined with a thorough understanding of the unique technical and legal issues facing investments in the sector
- English and US law expertise in all aspects of equity and debt — including transaction and financing structures tailored to specific types of energy assets
- Complete understanding of the regulatory framework for clean and renewable energy projects, and of the contractual structures used in the sector
- Unique insight into the respective interests and resolution of conflicts between developers, utilities, equity investors and debt providers

Vinson & Elkins has worked with many of the clean energy industry leaders, from traditional energy industry players to major private equity firms. ►

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- **“World’s Leading Energy Law Firm”**
– *Euromoney* 2010-2011
 - **“Highly regarded for its renewable energy work”**
– *Chambers UK* 2011
 - **“Energy & Natural Resources Team of the Year”**
– *Legal Business Awards* 2010
 - **“Legal Advisor of the Year – Renewables”**
– *Infrastructure Journal* 2008
 - **“Renewables Deal of the Year”**
– *Infrastructure Journal* 2008
 - **“The firm’s position is at the forefront of innovative renewables financing”**
– *Infrastructure Journal* 2008
 - **“Commercial approach combined with best-in-class legal skills”**
– *Legal 500* 2008, *Renewables & Power*

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Representative Experience:

HgCapital – Acquisition of majority interest in the €175 million Havsnäs wind project, Sweden's largest onshore wind project and the first project financing in the Nordic power market; named Infrastructure Journal's 2008 "Renewables Deal of the Year"

BP Alternative Energy – Agreement with Clipper Windpower Plc to jointly develop multiple wind projects in the U.S.

DONG, Statkraft and Centrica – Acquisition and development of the Barrow offshore wind farm; the wind farm comprises around 30 three-to-four MW wind turbines, for a total of 180 MW, making the project one of the UK's largest operational offshore wind power projects to date

Leaf Clean Energy Company – £200 million AIM listing of an investment company which will acquire renewable energy projects and companies; this was the largest AIM fundraising in 2007

Denham Capital – US\$145 million equity investment in Vulcan Power Company, owner and developer of geothermal assets

ING (U.S.) Capital LLC – US\$122 million project financing of an 88 million gallon per year soybean biodiesel plant and related facilities in Indiana

Mesa Power – US\$11 billion development of a 4,000 MW wind farm in Texas, and related project financing

eSolar – Transaction with NRG Energy, Inc. for the development of three solar thermal power plants totaling up to 500 MW in the U.S.

Mubadala Development Company – US\$250 million formation of the Masdar Clean Tech Fund in Abu Dhabi for investment in clean energy technology

D. E. Shaw Group – Investments in wind power and coal gasification projects

Goldman Sachs – Equity capital for SunE Solar Fund I to own and operate solar electric power generation systems in the U.S.

HgCapital – Acquisition and equity financing of the 44MW Ytterberg onshore wind farm project in Sweden

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

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