

Wind

Solar

Biofuels

Biomass

Waste-to-Energy

Geothermal

Hydroelectric

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- **“World’s Leading Energy Law Firm”** – *Euromoney* 2005-11
  - **“Legal Adviser of the Year – Renewables”**  
– *Infrastructure Journal* 2009
  - **“Energy and Natural Resources Team of the Year”**  
– *Legal Business Awards* 2010
  - **“V&E is a key feature of the power and renewable energy sectors”**  
– *Chambers UK* 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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## Renewable Energy Private Equity Overview

With roots in energy extending nearly a century, Vinson & Elkins continues to be recognised as the “World’s Leading Energy Law Firm.”

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

Our extensive experience in advising private equity investors covers transactions in numerous European countries and in all areas of the renewable energy industry, including in the biofuels, hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, waste-to-energy and wind sectors.

Vinson & Elkins’ renewable energy private equity experts draw on:

- Project development expertise combined with a thorough understanding of the unique technical and legal issues facing investments in the sector
- English law expertise in all aspects of equity and debt—including transaction and financing structures tailored to specific types of energy assets
- Unique insight into the respective interests and resolution of conflicts between developers, utilities, equity investors and debt providers
- Relationships with numerous other leading energy/renewables law firms throughout Europe
- Vinson & Elkins has worked with many of the renewable energy industry leaders, from traditional energy industry players to major private equity firms. ►

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## Representative Experience:

**HgCapital** – Acquisition of majority interest in €175 million Havnäs wind project, Sweden's largest onshore wind project and the first project financing in the Nordic power market

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

**DONG 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 90-180 MW, making the project one of the UK's largest operational offshore wind power projects to date

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

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

**Riverstone** – Equity investment in Green Earth Fuels, a biodiesel refining company

**Mesa Power** – US\$11 billion development of a 4000 MW wind farm in Texas, and related project financing

**Blackstone, Hellman & Friedman, KKR and TPG** – US\$3.65 billion acquisition of Texas Genco LLC (Co-counsel)

**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** – US\$400 million equity line capital investment in a wind power/project development company

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

**Leaf Clean Energy Company** – £200 million AIM listing of an investment company which will acquire renewables assets. This was the largest AIM fundraising in 2007

*Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.*

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