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OVERVIEW

Nikki assists energy clients with end-to-end transactions that make their innovative projects a reality.

Energy clients rely on Nikki to advise them through various stages of project development and operation, beginning with early site control, due diligence, financing, and construction, and ending with the sale of energy to prospective purchasers. She guides clients at planning, design, and function stages and has experience drafting and securing site control documents, performing due diligence review on secured or prospective sites, and guiding clients through project financing in order to get them to project operation within desired timelines. Developers, investors, and purchasers – including in the wind, solar, storage, data center, and hydrogen sectors – are some of the renewable energy clients Nikki assists. She enjoys helping clients address the challenges and opportunities inherent to the renewable energy industry.

Nikki also has significant experience in a broad spectrum of real estate transactional matters. She counsels corporate, retail, and affordable housing clients in the sale, purchase, financing, development, operation, lease, and disposition of numerous types of property. As with renewable energy projects, she appreciates that real estate law often has resolutions that are beneficial for all parties, including the community.

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Affordable Housing & Community Development
Corporate Real Estate
Data Centers
Energy Storage
Opportunity Zones
Solar Energy
Wind Energy

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Experience

- Represented Swift Current Energy as project development counsel in the multi-year development and sale of the Steel River solar and storage project to Cypress Creek Renewables.
- Represented client in the development and financing of a 250 MWdc solar project named Tres Bahias Solar Project in Calhoun County, Texas.
- Represented client in the acquisition, development and financing of a 197 MW wind project named Castle Gap Wind in Mills and Lampasas Counties, Texas.
- Represented clients in the development and financing of a 336 MW wind project named Escalade Wind Project in Knox County, Texas.
- Represented client in the development and financing of a 260 MW solar project named Orion I Solar Project in Milam County, Texas.
- Represented client in the development and financing of a 138 MW solar project named Harvest Gold Solar Project in Sunflower County, Mississippi.
- Represented Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) investment company in the investment, acquisition, and disposition of LIHTC properties.
- Represented client in the development and financing of a 318 MW solar project named Orion II Solar Project in Milam County, Texas.
- Represented developer in the diligence and acquisition of a 110 MW solar project in Hill County, Texas.
- Represented client in the development and financing of a 570 MW solar and 954MWh storage project named Pelican's Jaw Solar and Storage Project in Kern County, California.
- Represented renewable developer in the development and sale of a 14-project storage and solar portfolio.

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Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Energy Law, 2024 and 2025
  - Project Finance Law, 2023-2025
  - Real Estate Law, 2021-2025
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinder Program, 2022

Education

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
  - *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - *SMU Law Review Association*, Staff Editor 2013-2014, Articles Editor, 2014-2015
- B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Admissions

- Texas

Community Leadership

Nikki has volunteered many pro bono hours to Goodwill Industries of Dallas, assisting with real estate acquisition and leasing transactions. The nonprofit organization, funded by their popular thrift stores, provides job training, employment placement services and other community-based programs for veterans or others who face challenges finding jobs

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*Contact Nikki to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Dallas office.

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