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OVERVIEW

Mara helps clients navigate renewable energy projects from idea to commercial operation.

Developers, investors, and lenders rely on Mara's guidance in the development, acquisition, and funding of wind, solar, and battery storage projects nationwide. As part of the firm's Energy & Natural Resources team, Mara prepares and negotiates wind, solar, and battery storage leases and other transaction and financing documents; advises clients on related real estate and land use issues; and has a broad range of experience in developing, funding, and financing projects. While her practice is primarily real estate and development focused, Mara is also experienced at drafting power purchase agreements, energy storage services agreements, and other offtake agreements.

Mara first began her career in traditional commercial real estate but soon began to focus on the renewable energy industry. She finds it immensely rewarding to be part of the massive energy transition happening worldwide, and she loves the complexity of such a rapidly growing and changing area of law. Mara is particularly focused on greenfield development, and she thrives on the challenge of project development on sites with environmental issues, prior or current mineral activity, or other constraints that add an extra layer of complexity.

Mara is known as a highly business-minded attorney: prior to rejoining the firm in 2024, she served as in-house commercial counsel for a solar and battery storage developer. The experience gave her an inside view of the business needs underlying clients'

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Corporate Real Estate
Energy Storage
Land Use
Real Estate Investment
Solar Energy
Wind Energy

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plans and priorities, as well as how outside counsel can best offer support.

Case Studies

Moving Harris Park Midtown Sports & Activity Center From Vision to Reality

Our team helped bring a sports-themed development project in Kansas City's urban core to fruition.

Hunt Development Group

Our P3 team assisted the client in crafting a winning bid to develop a 430,000-square-foot civil and family courthouse facility to replace the Heman Marion Sweatt Courthouse.

Experience

- Representing client on the development of a 200 MW wind project in Bay County, Michigan, a 150 MW wind project in Huron County, Michigan, a 263 MW wind project in Lenawee County, Michigan and a 200 MW wind project in Ionia County, Michigan.
- Representing client in the development of a 230 MW wind project in Sunflower County, MS.
- Representing client on the development of a portfolio of 27 standalone BESS projects located across the US.
- Representing client on the development of a 200 MW wind project in Evangeline and St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, a 230 MW wind project in Morehouse & West Carroll Parish, Louisiana and a 400 MW wind project in Tensas County, Louisiana.
- Representing client on the acquisition and development of a 150 MW solar project with a 150 MW BESS component, and a separate standalone 50 MW storage project in Edwards and Pawnee County, Kansas.
- Represented client in the development of a 500-MW solar project in Mason County, Illinois.

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Experience

- Representing client in the development of a 400 MW wind project in Lawrence, Richland and Wabash Counties, Illinois.
- Represented client in the development, debt financing and tax equity financing for a 135-MW wind project located in Cross County, Arkansas.
- Representing client in the development of a 110-MW solar project in Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
    - Energy Law, 2026 and 2027
    - Real Estate Law, 2026 and 2027

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
    - *summa cum laude*
    - *UMKC Law Review*, Literary Editor
- B.A., Syracuse University
    - Classics

Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- Massachusetts

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Clerkship

The Hon. Thomas Malone, Kansas Court of Appeals



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