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**OVERVIEW**

## Brian is a detail-focused negotiator who wants every line of a renewable energy contract to serve the client's interest.

Brian guides energy clients at each stage of their projects: from idea through implementation and beyond. Throughout the framework of a project – site planning, design, financing and sale – Brian's goal is to negotiate transactions that protect clients for the long term. Adhering to complex time lines, Brian helps energy developers, lenders and tax equity investors through:

- Drafting and securing site-control documents
- Due diligence review on secured or prospective sites
- Drafting real estate curative documents to prepare projects for financing
- Project financing
- Sale of project to prospective purchasers

Clients value Brian's navigation of a wide range of real estate and energy transactions. They appreciate his background in contract analysis and working with oil and gas companies and his former position as in-house counsel for a financial institution. Brian understands legal priorities from a business perspective, and brings that knowledge to his customized solutions for each client as they imagine, design, fund and build critical renewable energy sources.

## Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

## Services

Carbon Capture & Sequestration
Energy Storage
Hydrogen
Oil & Gas
Project Finance
Real Estate Investment
Solar Energy
Wind Energy

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## Experience

- Represented a renewable energy developer in the development and financing of the Crane Solar I, Crane Solar II, Crane BESS I, Crane BESS II and Crane data center projects.
- Served as co-team lead of the local counsel team (covering state regulatory, state and local environmental and permitting, state and local tax, and real estate matters) and as head of the real estate team in the representation of a major financial institution in the tax equity financing of the McFarland and Cavalier solar projects in Arizona.
- Served as co-team lead of the local counsel team (state regulatory, state and local environmental and permitting, state and local tax, and real estate) and as head of the real estate team in the representation of a renewable energy company in the development and financing of the 1,000 Mile Solar Project in Texas.
- Served as co-team lead of the local counsel team (state regulatory, state and local environmental and permitting, state and local tax, and real estate) and as head of the real estate team in the representation of a major investment bank in the tax equity financing of five projects in Texas, Virginia, Kentucky and Arkansas.
- Served as co-team lead of the local counsel team (state regulatory, state and local environmental and permitting, state and local tax, and real estate) and as head of the real estate team in the representation of a multinational conglomerate in the tax equity financing of the Bishop Hill Wind project.
- Served as co-team lead of the local counsel team (state regulatory, state and local environmental and permitting, state and local tax, and real estate) and as head of the real estate team in the representation of lenders and tax equity investors in the financing of four solar projects in Texas.
- Served as co-team lead of the local counsel team (state regulatory, state and local environmental and permitting, state and local tax, and real estate) and as head of the real estate team in the representation of tax equity investors in the financing of the Pyron Wind and Storage project in Texas and the Willowbrook Solar project in Ohio.

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## Experience

- Served as co-team lead of the local counsel team (state regulatory, state and local environmental and permitting, state and local tax, and real estate) and as head of the real estate team in the representation of tax equity investors in the financing of three solar projects in Michigan and Virginia.
- Served as team lead of the local counsel team (state regulatory, state and local environmental and permitting, state and local tax, and real estate) and as head of the real estate team in a representation in Colorado. The representation included real estate, state and federal regulatory, and state, federal and local environmental and permitting, as well as state and local tax matters.
- Served as team lead in the real estate representation of a leading developer of numerous wind and solar projects in Texas, Oregon, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington and California. Also served as team lead and head of real estate in local counsel financing representation for projects in Texas, California and Oregon.
- Represented renewable energy developer with respect to real estate matters in simultaneous acquisition and financing of three existing wind power projects and repower financing for those projects.
- Advised renewable energy developer with respect to real estate, tax abatement, limitation on appraised value and permitting matters in connection with the acquisition, financing, and eventual sale of the largest single-phase wind project: 525 MW in Coke County, Texas.
- Represented solar energy development company, Longroad Energy Partners, in real estate, mineral and permitting issues in the development of one of Texas' largest solar projects, Prospero Solar, and in completing funding of the tax equity investment by Facebook.
- Advised renewable energy development company with respect to real estate matters on financing of what will be largest solar project in Texas: 315 MWdc in Winkler County, Texas.

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## Experience

- Counseled solar energy developer on real estate, mineral, permitting, tax abatement and limitation on appraised value matters in acquisition of 241 mw/dc solar project in Cameron County, Texas.
- Represented multiple tax equity investors and lenders in real estate, tax abatement, limitation on appraised value, permitting and local issues involving investment in wind and solar projects throughout Texas, New Mexico, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois, Louisiana, Colorado, Iowa and Oklahoma.
- Counseled electric utility company with respect to real estate matters in acquisition of biomass power plant in Nacogdoches County, Texas.
- Assisted renewable energy developer with respect to developing 255-MW solar project in Pecos County, Texas.
- Represented renewable energy developer with respect to developing 260-MW solar project in Lamar County, Texas.
- Advised solar power developers with respect to analysis of mineral rights issues in the construction and operation of their solar projects.
- Managed team serving as local counsel for lender group in connection with 286-MW wind project in Oklahoma.
- Managed team serving as local counsel for renewable energy developer in the financing and sale of 200-MW solar project in Brazoria County, Texas.
- Served as real estate counsel for a lender in connection with the financing of four gas peaker plants – two operating and two under construction – in Harris and Victoria Counties, Texas.
- Served as real estate counsel for tax equity investor and construction lenders in connection with the 90-MW repowering and 144-MW expansion of a wind project in Guadalupe County, New Mexico.

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- Assisted Arevon Energy in the closing of financing for the 251 MW Gibson Solar Project in Indiana, serving as as project development and local counsel.

## Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Energy Law, 2024 and 2025
  - Real Estate Law, 2023-2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Energy: Renewable/alternative power, Recommended attorney, 2024

## Education

- J.D., Oklahoma City University School of Law
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin

## Admissions

- Texas

## Community Leadership

- San Antonio Youth Education Support (SA YES), Board of Directors

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