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OVERVIEW

With a hands-on industry background as a landman, Casey represents renewable energy developers in real estate transactions.

After college, Casey accepted a role as a contract landman, working on various oil and gas projects throughout the Appalachian Basin for four years during the initial Marcellus Shale boom. However, her heart lay in the emerging renewable energy field, and she was passionate about finding sustainable ways to power the planet alongside extraction. Casey knew she wanted to apply the lessons she was learning in oil and gas to renewable development, and encouraged by attorney colleagues, she enrolled in law school.

Casey began her legal career working on a wide variety of real estate projects, including retail and office properties; hotels; mixed-use projects; senior living and assisted care facilities; affordable housing; and commercial, retail, industrial buildings; as well as major hospital systems. She became particularly known for her skill at clearing title issues and handling complicated easements: an excellent researcher, it was second nature to her to dig for the root of a problem and find a solution.

Drawn to the firm's industry-focused structure and its renowned Energy & Natural Resources group, Casey joined Husch Blackwell in 2023 in order to focus her real estate practice on the renewable energy sector. She assists with real estate needs, including due diligence reviews of wind and solar projects; negotiating and drafting lease, option, and easement agreements; reviewing and revising purchase and sale agreements and disclosure schedules; and coordinating title curative efforts, including reviewing surveys

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Energy Storage

Solar Energy

Wind Energy

and drafting encroachment agreements for wind, solar, and battery storage projects throughout the U.S.

Often referred to as the best of both worlds, Casey is known for her unusual combination of hands-on experience in traditional energy; legal knowledge; and passion for and experience with renewables. Clients value her practical knowledge of the energy world, as well as her gift for providing solutions to complex problems.

Experience

- Drafted loan agreements and supplementary closing documents for real estate and energy asset-backed financing, including syndicated loan agreements and ground lease financing.
- Assisted with Low-Income Housing Tax Credit developments, Tax Increment Financing, Neighborhood Improvement Districts, and Historical Tax Credit financing.
- Managed and instructed review teams for due diligence projects, including one that spanned two states and involved over 100 parcels of land for an affiliation of a national healthcare system.
- Drafted and reviewed deeds, affidavits, reciprocal access agreements, and other title curative matters for renewable energy clients, commercial real estate developers, and REITs nationwide.
- Conducted comprehensive reviews and analysis of title commitments, deeds, easements, reciprocal access agreements, covenants and restrictions, leases, and surveys to assess their alignment with the intended clients' use of properties across multiple industries.
- Prepared title objection letters and provided valuable support in the drafting and negotiation of purchase and sale agreements.
- Reviewed diverse due diligence materials for equity transfers, affiliations, purchases and sales, real estate financing, and renewable energy transactions, pertaining to corporate formation, real estate title, construction, property management, and preferred equity.
- Analyzed local land use and zoning ordinances to ensure compliance.
- Represented pro-bono client in appeal for Army Corps of Engineers shoreline use permit.

Experience

- Prepared environmental indemnity agreements for financing compromised sites, including a former CERCLA site.
- Successfully managed a REIT acquisition of nursing home facilities.

Education

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law
 - *cum laude*
 - Emphasis in Environmental and Energy Law
- B.S., West Virginia University

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- West Virginia

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