

2024 Renewable Energy Law Essentials
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Monday Afternoon, Jan. 29, 2024

Presiding Officer:

Maria Faconti, K&L Gates LLP - Austin, TX

12:30 pm In Austin Only	Registration Opens Includes complimentary refreshments.
1:00 pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:10 pm 0.50 hr	Lifecycle of Renewable Energy Projects A discussion of the sequencing of the development of renewable energy projects and how lawyers and developers can best work together to mitigate project risks at each stage of development. Jenn Goodwillie, Nova Clean Energy - Austin, TX
1:40 pm 0.75 hr	Basics of Energy Regulation and Interconnection Introduction into the basics of the US electric grid as they relate to renewable energy resources including, what the US grid looks like; who runs, operates and owns it; and how do renewables fit in and effect its operation. Also, walk through the state and federal regulatory landscape, looking at the role and authority of FERC and state Public Utility Commissions, RTOs and ISOs. Hear an introduction to the key concepts of the wholesale and retail markets, discuss the key mechanisms for compensating distributed energy and large renewable resources for their services to the grid, and look at the examples of state renewable energy incentives (REC procurement, DG rebates etc.). Tetyana "Tanya" Rabczak, The Accelerate Group - Chicago, IL
2:25 pm 0.75 hr	Real Estate and Title Basics for Renewable Energy Projects A primer on real estate and title matters for wind and solar energy projects. From the lens of real estate attorneys, hear a high-level overview of project timelines and milestones, the path to securing site control, key provisions of landowner agreements, navigating title and survey matters, and providing real estate support for contracting, financing, and sale of the project. Gain insight into critical deal points and best practices to help projects proceed efficiently. Alex Kron, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. - Des Moines, IA Tess Pocock, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. - Des Moines, IA
3:10 pm	15-Minute Break
3:25 pm 0.50 hr	Off-Take Contracts: An Overview A high-level overview of key power purchase agreement structures and terms and the allocation and mitigation of risk in PPA transactions. Rochelle Rabeler, Holland & Hart - Denver, CO

3:55 pm 0.75 hr	Permitting and Siting Regulation Overview An overview of federal, state, and local permitting and siting considerations that renewable energy project proponents should be aware of and take into account. Review the timing, cost, legal, financing, and other implications. Brooke M. Marcus, Nossaman LLP - Austin, TX
4:40 pm 1.00 hr	Renewable Energy Project Finance 101 Discuss how various finance tools get stitched together to create a capital stack for a project so it can get developed and built. Genevieve Fox, Plus Power - Santa Barbara, CA Benjamin Huffman, SheppardMullin - Chicago, IL
5:40 pm 0.50 hr	Overview on Construction and O&M Contracts Katie Hoepfl, RNWBL - Phoenix, AZ
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